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19 MARCH 1979

MEMORANDUM TO: SISTER M DONOGAN

FROM: DR EILEEN SLACK *Eileen Slack*

RE: CONTRACEPTIVE INJECTION (DEPRO PROVERA)

Thank you for the copy of your letter to Dr. Heather Manning received 16 March 1979. As I said to you and Dr. Heather Manning on March 9 at our monthly Medical Meeting, I am concerned that the permission under which you administer the contraceptive injection through the Health Department is weak and ill-defined. Mr. Lloyd Owen's previous comments to you in the letter you shared with me in your office, express the same doubts.

As I explained to all at the Friday Medical Meeting I am formally asking you to request if Mr. John Leeton will clarify, in writing, your responsibility in this medical matter as well as his own understanding of the extent of protective medical coverage which he offers through Dr. Manning to you (in what Victoria still considers an experimental approach to contraception).

Standards, procedures and files in this matter should conform to both State and Commonwealth regulations and law, otherwise the vulnerability of Winlaton's medical programme is enormous. You can appreciate my concern as I know it is shared by you in our many conversations.

If Mr. Leeton's reply satisfies Dr. Manning as your supervisor, that certainly will be enough for us to believe that it is safe for you to continue with this injection. If Dr. Manning is not satisfied, we must both look to her for the decision that the contraceptive injection cannot continue to be administered by you.

I personally hope Mr. Leeton can give the medical permissions which are needed.

c.c. Dr. Heather Manning
Sister Lesley King

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B. Anderson ✓
G. Lord
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