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## ***Media Statement***

### **Retraction of Media Release**

We have been contacted by Associate Professor Rebecca Kimble, Chair of the Queensland Statewide Maternity and Neonatal Clinical Network, in relation to our media release of 27 June 2018 entitled “Spurious and baseless attack on maternity services in private hospitals”. Our media release was made following publication of an article in the Courier Mail on 23 June 2018 entitled “Public v Private: Shock claims over where to give birth” which attributed a number of comments regarding private maternity services to Associate Professor Kimble. Associate Professor Kimble has contacted us to advise that:

- 1 the article published by the Courier Mail was not an accurate reflection of the comments that she made to the journalist; and
- 2 she did not at any time say or suggest that women giving birth in private hospitals were at a greater risk than those in the public system.

We are not in a position to comment on the advice received from Dr Kimble, but we hereby retract our media release. We apologise for any distress caused to Associate Professor Kimble by our media release.

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