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Chairman
 Medical Advisory Committee
 Darwin Private Hospital
 Darwin NT

Dear Sir

We are writing this letter to voice our concerns regarding the credentialling of Dr Zaccariah at the Darwin Private Hospital.

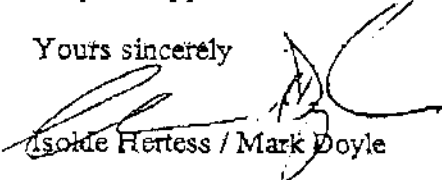
We understand that Dr Zaccariah has Australian qualifications in ENT surgery. We also believe that he is keen to practise outside his surgical specialty by working as a cosmetic surgeon. He is not a member of either the Australian Society of Plastic Surgery or the Australasian Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. He is not eligible to become a member of either of the above bodies.

We believe that his only "training" in cosmetic surgery involves a 6 month visit to Beverly Hills to watch some cosmetic surgery being performed. In our opinion this is not sufficient to give him adequate knowledge and expertise to be capable of performing this type of surgery. Cosmetic surgery is becoming increasingly more litigation orientated and inappropriate credentialling will expose the hospital to such risks. Darwin is well served by fully trained plastic surgeons (currently 5 at present) and there appears to be no need to credential somebody with dubious training on the basis of such a service being unavailable.

We will not support Dr Zaccariah's cosmetic practice in any way. We shall not treat any post operative complications on his patients and will not support him or the hospital with respect to any lawsuits that may arise as a result of his practice.

We have been visiting Darwin for greater than 2 years now and we believe we have demonstrated a strong commitment to the area. It would be disappointing to see the hospital support a newcomer who may or may not stay in the area.

Yours sincerely



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