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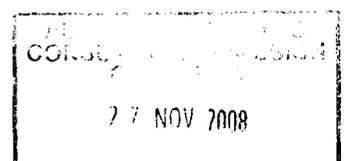
RE: Reference C2008/1846

Dear Ms Bourke,

I write to you following our recent telephone conversation, regarding my application to St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney, for appointment as a visiting Specialist Anaesthetist.

In response to the questions posed –

1. I currently provide anaesthetic services to the Royal North Shore Hospital, North Shore Private Hospital, the Mater Hospital and a number of smaller district hospitals in Northern Sydney. My practice is diverse in terms of the surgical specialties involved, however my major specialty commitment is cardio-thoracic anaesthesia.
2. I shall be able to fulfill all of my current commitments including emergency on call requirements at the above hospitals because the position I seek at St Vincent's Private Hospital would involve a maximum of one clinical session per week which is already freely available to me. I hope to continue an association with an ophthalmic surgeon with whom I have worked for over twenty years and has commenced operating at St Vincent's Private Hospital. I seek no other regular anaesthetic work at the hospital, however I would of course provide emergency services if required and would also contribute to the training and education of junior medical staff and anaesthetic trainees at both the public and private hospitals if requested.
3. The requirements for accreditation at the hospitals are generally similar as regards anaesthetic appointments. A minimum requirement is a Bachelor of Medicine degree, a Fellowship in anaesthesia, and broad experience in clinical anaesthesia with references, depending on the hospital's requirements, sub-specialty expertise may also be required and this is stated in the advertisement for the position. In no

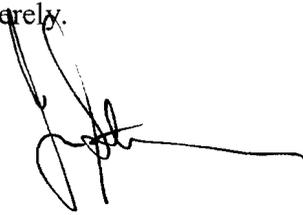


instance has my appointment to any of the hospitals at which I am accredited, depended upon my appointment at another specified hospital.

4. In my long experience in anaesthetic practice, hospital anaesthetic departments, large or small, have derived enormous benefit from a diversity of clinical experience and training of their appointees.

I hope this ideal could be embraced by all employing authorities.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Stevenson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dr Ian Stevenson
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Senior Specialist Anaesthetist