



[REDACTED]  
et.au" <rgamble

03/11/2004 10:11 PM

To: jacqueline.goodall@dhs.vic.gov.au

cc: [REDACTED] (bcc: Jacqueline

Goodall/HeadOffice/DHS)

Subject: review of the health act

jacueline could you please pass my comments on to the appropriate persons for discussion and inclusion of the review.

1/ Years ago hairdressers used to have a container of blue disinfectant solution for 'sterilising' combs. Admittedly this was probably very ineffectual. Nowadays they do not have any procedure for cleaning combs and scissors between client use. Combs and scissors etc. are simply replaced in those nifty little tool belts they wear and the hairdresser moves on to the next client. I have questioned one of the hairdressers, who became very defensive about the procedures. There must be another solution to this problem rather than requesting each client to supply their own equipment from home!!!

2/ The non emergency ambulance patient transport business.

I work part time in this industry, there are some companies that employ staff without qualifications and accredited training, usually the companies with only a few ambulances.

My company "platinum health care" has high values and standards with full accreditation and as such is a great example of what this important business is all about namely the patient.

Please put in place some "regulation" and get rid of the shonks out of this very important industry, ( training, driver training, qualifications, privacy, standards of equipment to be carried, infection control, types of vehicles and the standards of maintenance etc, as our population ages it is going to be up to private providers to move around more and more of the thousands of patients to and from hospitals, nursing homes, to appointments, etc

These people will one day be ourselves we really do need to get it right.

Thanks I hope you can include my comments in the review or at least pass them to someone who will.

Rodney Gamble  
[REDACTED]