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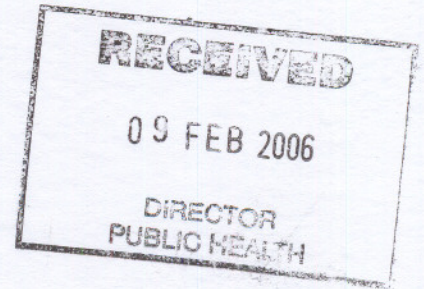
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Dear Dr Hall,

Re: Review of Health Act 1958

Disease registries for the purposes of monitoring, quality assurance and recognized scientific research are important tools for health management. The Australia and New Zealand Dialysis and Transplant Registry is a long-standing registry which has provided, and continues to provide, valuable information. More recently, a Live Kidney Donor Registry has been established. Provision for centralised authorisation and regulation through the Health Act could be considered. This could incorporate issues such as privacy and other ethical matters depending on the information collected. This would provide an important pathway for the establishment of other such registries in the future. I note that similar comments have been submitted by other organizations and we would support this concept.

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Yours sincerely

A/Professor Frank Ierino,
Honorary Secretary, TSANZ