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Dear Professor Perry, Dr Dale and Dr Nayer

Thank you for your letter dated 5 April 2022, regarding the meme published on Queensland Health's Facebook page on 2 April 2022 on mental burnout.

I would like to acknowledge the incredible work the Australian Medical Association do advocating for and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of Queensland Health's hospital and health staff.

I can assure you, we are also committed to ensuring the wellbeing of our entire workforce, as we continue to prioritise staff engagement, work-life balance, organisational leadership, fairness in the workplace, learning and development and job empowerment.

The COVID-19 pandemic has been incredibly challenging for everyone, including our hospital and healthcare staff. Their ongoing dedication, skills and professionalism have carried Queenslanders through this challenging time.

The intention of the Facebook post in question, was to raise awareness to our social media followers in the broader community, who come from an array of backgrounds, of the impact of burnout, and share some self-care tips that people can consider in their everyday lives to prioritise their health.

We regret this post may have caused distress, which was certainly not the intention, and was removed as a result to this feedback.

On 8 April 2022, in my weekly message to all Queensland Health staff, I also apologised for any distress or offence this post had caused, and extended my sincere thanks to our frontline health workers, for everything they do.

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of all Queenslanders is a priority for Queensland Health, and we will continue use our social and digital media platforms to raise awareness and share support. The feedback on this post, has also helped inform the tone of this type of messaging moving forward.

I very much appreciate you taking the time to share your concerns with me, and I look forward to continuing our work together to ensure the mental health and wellbeing of Queensland Health staff.

Yours sincerely



Shaun Drummond
Acting Director-General
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