



The Hon Jillian Skinner MP
Minister for Health

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Dear Dr Brydon

Michael

I refer to correspondence from Mr Chiang Lim, expressing his appreciation for the care and attention his baby daughter Eloise received from staff at the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick. A copy of Mr Lim's letter is attached for your information.

Please convey my personal congratulations to the staff involved for the high level of dedication and quality of care.

Yours sincerely

Jillian Skinner

Jillian Skinner MP

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From: ElectorateOffice NorthShore
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Sent: Friday, 5 August 2016 8:55 AM
To: Public Skinner's Office Email; jillian.skinner@hotmail.com
Subject: FW: The Lim Family is extremely grateful to Minister Skinner and NSW Health
Attachments: Eloise - Australian beauty.JPG; New Family - Eloise just born.JPG

From: Chiang @ sydneylims [mailto:chiang@sydneylims.com.au]
Sent: Thursday, 4 August 2016 8:30 PM
To: Jillian Skinner
Cc: ElectorateOffice NorthShore
Subject: The Lim Family is extremely grateful to Minister Skinner and NSW Health

Dear Jillian,

Firstly, apologies for not sending this to you sooner. And I hope you receive this message with the sincerest gratitude my wife and I intend to convey.

At the time, our local members, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP and the Hon Joe Hockey MP, were aware of our situation, having moved from Parramatta to Cammeray since getting married. We now live at 16 Moodie Street, Cammeray NSW 2062.

My wife Alicia and I were so extremely happy to have our first child born on 8 April 2015 in the new maternity building of the Royal North Shore Hospital. What an amazing hospital! The staff there could not have been any more helpful, the facilities were second to none, and the attention afforded to us were enormously appreciated.

Even though born full term and without any complications, Eloise was eventually diagnosed with central apnoea (which renders her to stop breathing up to 29 times an hour while sleeping). In her earlier part of life (starting on day 6), this had caused her to traumatically be admitted to 4 hospitals, with the first being rushed into RPAH's ER with her having stopped breathing, turning blue and having her resuscitated four times.

Further scores of doctors and clinicians and a battery of tests in both the private and public system still failed to explain why she had this condition. And after many months of continued uncertainty, Eloise finally landed in the Sydney Children's Hospital at Randwick where her lack of breathing was diagnosed and consequently supported by a BiPAP machine, followed by regular sleep tests at the Sydney Children's Hospital in the hope that she would grow out of her condition within her first year of life. Unfortunately, to make Eloise's very young life even more difficult, she also experienced regular enough epileptic episodes when she was about 6 to about 11 months old, hence was diagnosed with the condition epilepsy of infants.

Throughout Eloise's first 12 months of life, we have tried both the private and public hospital systems. And if it were not for the very dedicated medical staff at the Sydney Children's Hospital, my wife and I can't help but wonder if Eloise would have been another SIDS statistic. Little Eloise owes her life to the Sydney Children's Hospital's paediatric, neurology, sleep, cardiology and genetic teams and their nurses, especially Dr Emily Horsley, Dr Michael Cardamone and Dr Ganesha Thambipillay. Thanks to them, Eloise now 15 months old has just been declared sufficiently able to breathe on her own during her sleeps without a BiPAP machine (following a low apnoea index of 1.5 episodes per hour), and has not had any epileptic episodes for now 6 months. Eloise remains under the care of Dr Horsley, Dr Cardamone and Dr Thambipillay and their teams.

My wife and I want you to know that it is thanks in significant measure to you as the Health Minister and our NSW State Government that Eloise is very much alive. The attached photo is of a recent moment showing how vibrant this little girl is today, and another when she was just born.

Should there be anything we can do for you and the NSW State Government to further show our appreciation, we are all ears!

With enormous gratitude,
Chiang

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