

Statement from Queensland Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Yvette D'Ath

These are tragic cases and clearly the patients have been badly let down.

All cases are under investigation by North West Hospital and Health Service and I expect to be informed of the findings.

I would also expect any allegations about the standard of care delivered at Doomadgee Hospital to be investigated.

Since being made aware of sustainable governance and financial management issues at North West HHS in 2021, I announced the appointment of an administrator in place of its board.

In an Australia-first, the Queensland Government has launched a dedicated Rheumatic Heart Disease Strategy, backed by \$7.3 million in funding.

The strategy aims to improve early prevention and care for First Nations people living with this disease.