

Health concerns shared by many

It is disconcerting that Santo Greco's letter (3/4) makes the distinction between himself (clinical biochemist) and Janet McCalman (history lecturer). In this letter, he also expresses anger that a "lay person" dare to judge his work. Is he suggesting that only those with an expert medical knowledge are competent to judge the issues?

Health care practitioners, medical scientists, consumers and the general public express legitimate concerns about the privatisation of pathology services at the Women's and Children's Health Care Network. Many claim that privatisation will place patients at risk by causing a decline in quality and availability of pathology services.

Pulling rank and telling anecdotal stories are best left to politicians. Scientists, like Santo Greco, should stick with the "facts."