



**MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

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**DECISION NO:** 180/00/61C/01/84C

**IN THE MATTER** of the Medical Practitioners Act  
1995

-AND-

**IN THE MATTER** of a charge laid by a Complaints  
Assessment Committee pursuant to  
Section 93(1)(b) of the Act against  
**BERIS FORD** medical practitioner  
of Whangarei

**BEFORE THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL**

**TRIBUNAL:** Miss S M Moran (Chair)

Mrs J Courtney, Dr J C Cullen, Dr U Manukulasuriya,

Dr A M C McCoy (Members)

Mr B A Corkill (Legal Assessor)

Ms K Davies (Hearing Officer)

Mrs G Rogers (Stenographer)

Hearing held at Wellington on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 September  
2001

**APPEARANCES:** Ms K P McDonald QC and Ms J Daniels for a Complaints Assessment  
Committee ("the CAC")  
Mr A J Knowsley for Dr B Ford.

**DECISION AS TO SUPPRESSION**

1. This decision should be read in conjunction with Decision Number 178/0061C/0184C which issued on 26 October 2001.
2. At the outset of the hearing held on 17 and 18 September 2001, Counsel for the Complaints Assessment Committee made an application for an order for suppression of the names and any identifying details of the complainants referred to in the charges against Dr Ford laid before the Tribunal.
3. Counsel for Dr Ford did not object to the application.
4. In the circumstances, the Tribunal granted the application and now confirms the order which was then made, that is, an order for suppression of the names and any identifying details of the complainants referred to in the charges against Dr Ford laid before the Tribunal.

**DATED** at Wellington this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2001

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S M Moran

Deputy Chair

Medical Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal