### Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Dr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for referring your patient \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with CKD for an appointment in our Renal Clinic. As you are aware we have a high number of referrals and are prioritising patient referrals to ensure rapid service to those patients most in need of earlier appointments.

I have evaluated the information you have kindly provided. At this stage I don’t think that referral is necessary (see attached referral indications) but I would make the following recommendations that may be of help:

As a general guide for patients with Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) we use the **Kidney Failure Risk Equation (KFRE)\* to appropriately risk stratify these consults. (Link:** <http://www.qxmd.com/calculate-online/nephrology/kidney-failure-risk-equation>**),** as eGFR<30ml/min and uACR>30mg/mmol are not accurate predictors of renal function decline or severity of disease.

Upon review of the patient’s clinical demographics and laboratory characteristics, the overall risks for kidney failure for your patient were \_\_\_\_\_\_at 2 yrs. and \_\_\_\_\_at 5 yrs. Risks below 10% are low. As a result, nephrology referral may not be indicated at the present time. A useful guideline for prevention of progression of kidney disease is <https://kidney.org.au/health-professionals/prevent/chronic-kidney-disease-management-handbook>

These guidelines in general target the following:

1. Blood pressure target of <130/80 mmHg.
2. Hb A1C target of < 7% for patients with diabetes.

Should you have additional concerns or if there is a precipitous drop in GFR or substantive rise in proteinuria please forward a new consult to the St George Renal Department or contact me directly.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Dr/Prof/A/Prof \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; triage nephrologist

