

"This was only days before golden staph and pneumonia invaded his lungs so disastrously.

"He was killed not just by filth. He was killed by bad attitude and negligence."

Professor Malcolm Fisher, the area director of intensive care, also became upset after presenting a letter of thanks written by a family whose son he was unable to save.

"Sometimes it's a bit hard to get upset about cockroaches [on operating tables]," he said.

The inquiry's chairman Fred Nile has been urged to take as much time as needed to conduct a proper investigation.

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