*Carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales (*CPE) Contact Letter Template

<Date>

<Patient Details>

During your recent stay at <hospital name> a multidrug resistant organism (MRO) called carbapenemase-producing *Enterobacterales* (CPE) was detected on a patient that you shared a <room/ward> with. CPE can be spread a number of ways from one patient to another in a hospital.

As a precaution, we are contacting all patients who <shared a room with/came in contact with/ were on the same ward> as the patient with CPE. There is a small risk that you may have picked up the organism.

As such, if you are readmitted to a health care facility in the next 12 months, it is important that you discuss CPE with the hospital staff. There may be a note in your medical record to remind staff. However, as there is no universal medical record number in NSW, it is important that you also let hospital staff know that you have had contact with a patient with CPE. The hospital staff will arrange for you to be tested. You can keep this letter and show it to your health care providers.

If you want to talk to someone about this or would like to be tested for CPE, please contact <name of designated contact & details>. <Name of contact> will arrange for a test to be completed. If you arrange for testing with your GP, this test is not covered by Medicare and there will be a charge. Included is a factsheet on CPE, please contact <name> for more information.

Yours sincerely,

<Insert name & Title>