

# 'Restless night' for recovering Rudd

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Restless night ... former prime minister Kevin Rudd. Photo: Paul Harris

Former prime minister Kevin Rudd had a restless night after his release from hospital, his wife Therese Rein says.

But he is following doctor's orders to take it easy as he recovers from surgery to remove his gall bladder.

"Well, I'd like to say he had a peaceful night, but unfortunately for me ... he had a restless night, so I'm a bit weary this morning," Ms Rein told the ABC.

"But he's good, he's good."

Asked if it was difficult to convince her husband to rest and recuperate, Ms Rein said: "No. He's absolutely following doctors' orders."

Ms Rein made the comments before speaking at a breakfast forum for the South East Brisbane Chamber of Commerce, which Mr Rudd had been scheduled to address before he fell ill last week.

Instead they heard about the personal challenges Ms Rein faced when she began her employment business in Brisbane and began doing business overseas.

Mr Rudd was released from hospital yesterday.

"Mr Rudd's medical specialists indicate that his recovery is proceeding well," a spokesman said in a statement, adding that he would return to the campaign trail once doctors give him the all clear.

"He hopes it will be later this week, but will act on the advice of the medical specialists."

Mr Rudd suffered acute abdominal pain on Thursday and was admitted to the Mater Private Hospital in Brisbane on Friday for surgery.

There has been intense speculation about Mr Rudd in the federal election campaign, as damaging leaks from cabinet threatened to derail Prime Minister Julia Gillard's bid to retain office.

Some have accused Mr Rudd of being the leaker, but he has denied being the source.

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