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Mr Neil Laurie Clerk of the Parliament Queensland Parliamentary Service George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2454-15, tabled in Parliament on 16 September 2015, concerning the reinstatement of the Pathology Department at Maryborough Hospital.

The Government acknowledges and accepts that the community in Maryborough were let down by the LNP when they cut pathology services from the Maryborough Hospital.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to genuine engagement with communities. Unfortunately, it is not possible to undo all of the poor decisions made by the LNP at once.

I will continue to work with Pathology Queensland, the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service and the Member for Maryborough to develop a solution for this important issue.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

CAMERON DICK Minister for Health

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