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

Dear Mr Laurie NLI

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2499-15, tabled in Parliament on 19 April 2016, in relation to the new Roma Hospital.

The Premier and I announced on 21 January 2016 that the Government will construct a brand new Roma Hospital. Due to the condition of the current hospital, we have decided a new build is the most effective way to meet the public health needs of the residents of Roma and surrounding communities across the South West.

The new Roma Hospital will be delivered at a cost of around \$70 million and initial planning indicates the new hospital will be able to accommodate 3,500 patients per year.

This project is a clear signal that we are committed to building and improving our health services in Queensland no matter where they are located.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

CAMERON DICK MP Minister for Health

Minister for Ambulance Services