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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 relation to your letter regarding petition number 2258-14, tabled in Parliament on 26 August 2014, in relation to Department of Health property at Mill Road, Edmonton.

In 2010, the Department of Health compulsorily acquired approximately 22 hectares of land for future health services at Edmonton, Cairns South.

In 2013, the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Board deemed the land was no longer required, due to the major redevelopment of Cairns Hospital resulting in enhanced and expanded health services for the region.

The Department of Health, Department of Natural Resources and Mines, and Crown Law are currently undertaking processes as required by the *Acquisition of Land Act 1967* to dispose of the land.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

AWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP

Minister for Health