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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 2295-14, tabled in Parliament on 26 March 2015, in relation to opening the Redland Bay mental health facility.

I share the petitioners concern at the delays associated with the opening of the Bayside Community Care Unit.

In my view, the former Liberal National Party (LNP) Government did not pay sufficient attention to the provision of mental health services, and this led to delays in important projects such as this.

I am advised that Bayside Community Care Unit located on the corner of Main and Boundary Streets in Redland Bay finally commenced operation on 1 December 2014.

The Bayside facility is one of nine Community Care Units that are being commissioned across Queensland, pursuant to the *Queensland Plan for Mental Health 2007-2017*, which was set in place by former Labor Government.

I look forward to delivering on these mental health services in a more timely manner than occurred under the LNP.

For more information about the Bayside Community Care Unit please visit http://www.health.qld.gov.au/mhexpansion/bayside/.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

CAMERON DICK Minister for Health

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