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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petitions 3356-20 and 3395-20, tabled in Parliament on 12 August 2020, in relation to renal dialysis services at Proserpine Hospital. As these petitions are similar in nature, I have taken the liberty of responding to both petitions in this letter. I therefore ask that this response be noted against each petition.

The Palaszczuk Government invested \$20 million over four years from 2018-19 to deliver expanded renal services closer to home for people living in North Queensland. This included funding for the Mackay Hospital and Health Service (HHS) to improve renal services at Mackay Base Hospital and also to establish a new local satellite dialysis service at Bowen Hospital.

Over the last 18 months, Mackay HHS has continued to expand its renal services with the operationalisation of the Bowen Hospital satellite renal dialysis unit. The satellite unit brings renal services closer to home for Bowen, Collinsville and Whitsunday residents. In addition to this, home (self-care) dialysis is available to all suitable patients located in the Whitsundays.

Mackay HHS is currently investigating the need and capacity for additional renal services in other rural facilities, including Proserpine Hospital. Mackay HHS's specialist renal medical team (located at Mackay Base Hospital) will continue to support its patients and rural facilities. This includes operating an outreach model of care, providing Home Dialysis training and conducting education sessions.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

**STEVEN MILES MP**  
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