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Dear Mr ~~Laurie~~ *Neil*

I write in response to petition number 4209-25, tabled in Parliament on 1 April 2025, in relation to the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service (WBHHS) that attracted 650 signatures.

Petition 4209-25 has raised several allegations, and I want to assure the petitioners that the Crisafulli Government takes seriously all matters relating to patient safety and the performance of our hospital and health services.

WBHHS has in place a range of initiatives to improve and support a strong workplace culture that creates a safe environment for staff, patients, and visitors. There is a performance management framework that ensures allegations of poor performance and poor accountability are investigated and appropriately managed. Appropriate management pathways can include (but not limited to) internal performance management or reporting to relevant regulatory agencies for investigation.

In relation to the investigation raised by the petitioners, Queensland Health commissioned a Health Service Investigation (HSI) and Clinical Review (CR) in 2022. Independent clinical specialists and an independent consumer were appointed as the investigators. Allegations of patient harm and death were not substantiated by the HSI and CR.

I reiterate that the Crisafulli Government takes seriously all matters of patient safety. In the absence of new and additional information about matters previously investigated, I have no basis to commission further investigations. Furthermore, I am advised that all of the recommendations from the investigations have been implemented.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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