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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil.

I write in response to petition number 4273-25, tabled in Parliament on 14 October 2025, in relation to preserving Eventide hostel accommodation to address Charters Towers housing crisis.

In reference to my response to Question on Notice No. 522 on this matter, I am advised that the Townsville Hospital and Health Service undertook feasibility and scoping exercises to examine the viability of bringing the Eventide accommodation up to compliance with current codes and regulations.

It was identified that significant work would be required to meet compliance requirements, with a major fire impacting some of the units earlier this year. An assessment was made by structural engineers confirming that the fire-impacted units are unsafe and require demolition. The cost to achieve compliance with contemporary codes and standards is uneconomical.

The siting of the new Charters Towers Hospital at the southern end of the Eventide site has been recommended through significant architectural and engineering planning in the preliminary and detailed business cases which are under consideration by government.

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

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls

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