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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition 2789-17, tabled in Parliament on 15 February 2018, in relation to forward planning for a new or redeveloped Bundaberg Hospital.

Planning for future health care delivery is an important part of the work of Hospital and Health Boards.

In late 2017, the Government committed \$3 million to the development of a business case for Bundaberg Hospital. Planning has now begun with Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service, Queensland Health and Building Queensland.

Planning for a new or redeveloped hospital is complex and goes through a number of phases.

It will take a number of years to complete the planning process and develop the business case for the construction of a new or redeveloped public hospital in Bundaberg. Local staff and the community will be invited to provide input into the options to meet the region's health service needs during the development of the business case. The Government will consider Bundaberg Hospital's business case once it is completed.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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