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Dear Mr Laurie

I write to provide a final response to your letter regarding petition number 3375-20, tabled in Parliament on 8 September 2020, in relation to car park charges at public hospitals in Queensland.

I acknowledge that the cost and availability of car parking at public hospitals is a real concern for many patients, carers and their families.

The vast majority of Queensland public hospitals have free parking for staff and visitors. Paid car parking operates at 14 public hospitals. Ten of those car parks are owned or managed under commercial arrangements with private operators or hospital foundations, some of which have been in place for many years.

From 1 October 2017, hospitals with paid car parking implemented a patient and carer car parking concession policy. Since then, over 1.3 million free and discounted concession passes have been made available to eligible patients and carers, reducing the costs of parking by nearly 56 per cent.

Information on concessions is available on local hospital websites or on the Queensland Government Smart Savings website: <https://campaigns.premiers.qld.gov.au/smart-savings/>.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to delivering more car parks at our hospitals and improving access to parking for people who need it. The preferred model for all multi-storey car parks is the Government Portfolio Model, which has been developed as a self-sustaining model where car-parking revenue supports the car parks operational costs and returns the capital funding injection over the life of the funding arrangement.

This ensures Queensland Health can continue to prioritise its budget on the delivery of front-line healthcare, and ensures tariffs are as affordable as possible for patients, visitors and staff.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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