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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letters regarding petition numbers 1873-12, 1892-12 and 1899-12 tabled in Parliament on 17 May 2012, 29 May 2012 and 31 May 2012 respectively, in relation to a multi-storey car parking facility for Nambour Hospital. As these petitions are similar in nature, I have taken the liberty of responding to the petitions in this letter. I therefore ask that this response be noted against each petition.

There are currently approximately 835 car parks in total on the hospital campus, 400 of which are in a multi-level car park, 400 located on the hospital grounds and 35 under the new 96 bed ward block. I am advised that construction of another multi-storey car park or extending the current one will necessitate the closure of a substantial amount of car parking spaces for this work to occur.

I am further advised that Queensland Health increased staff parking on the Nambour General Hospital campus by 151 car parking spaces in 2008, following the purchase of five residential blocks at a capital cost of approximately \$2 million. Works have also been carried out on site to maximise the space available for parking.

In addition, a park and ride arrangement recently commenced utilising space at the Nambour Showgrounds. This provides parking for 150 staff and frees up road site parking near the hospital for patients and visitors.

Queensland Health is currently progressing the necessary approval and public consultation processes that are required to advance a park and ride arrangement utilising land owned by Queensland Health in Glenbrook Drive, Nambour.

Further, in recent discussions with the Member for Nicklin I have indicated a willingness to consider alternative solutions to this problem if they can be advanced in a publicly acceptable and financially viable way.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely


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