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Mr N Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 13 November 2008, regarding Petition No. 1155-08 requesting the allocation of an Oncologist to the Gladstone Public Hospital.

I am pleased to advise the Central Queensland Health Service District will soon advertise for a Visiting Oncologist for the Gladstone region. This position will be required to be part of a networked cancer service, working with the other Visiting Oncologists, as well as Brisbane based Oncologists, to ensure the safest and appropriate service is provided.

The service model agreed upon will be developed and implemented with input from all key stakeholders, including Cancer Care Services at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, to ensure the establishment of collaborative working relationships and the development of a consistent and sustainable service.

Until the successful appointment of a Visiting Medical Officer, all key stakeholders will continue to work closely to address the challenge of continuing to manage the provision of an oncology service for Gladstone patients.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Mr Rod Brennan, Manager Business Support Services, Gladstone Hub, Central Queensland Health Service District, Queensland Health, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 4976 3235.

Yours sincerely

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