

Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP Minister for Education, Training and Employment

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Mr Neil Laurie Clerk of Parliament Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

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I refer to e-petition 2247-14 and paper petition 2263-14 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 20 May 2014 regarding use of the former Queensland Health property on Water Street, Spring Hill by Brisbane Central State School (BCSS).

I acknowledge the interest of petitioners in the future use and occupation of the parcel of land referred to in the petition.

I, along with representatives of the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE), have been working directly with the Principal of BCSS and representatives of the school's Parents and Citizens' Association to identify options for the future use of the land.

I am now very pleased to inform you that I have decided to allocate \$1 million towards refurbishing the former Queensland Health building to future proof Brisbane Central State School.

My Department will shortly commence a master planning process for all schools in central Brisbane. Further, BCSS will be included in that planning and my Department will work with its Principal and other members of the community in this process.

Please be assured the Government is committed to ensuring that all Queensland schools, including BCSS, have the facilities they need to meet future education requirements.

I would like to thank the petitioners for raising this important matter with me.

Yours sincerely

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