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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie 

I write in response to your letter regarding petitions numbered 3193-19 and 3245-19, tabled in Parliament on 26 November 2019, in relation to a new hospital for the northern Gold Coast. As these petitions are similar in nature, I have taken the liberty of responding to both petitions in this letter. I therefore ask that this response be noted against each petition.

Planning for future healthcare delivery is an important part of the work of Hospital and Health Boards. Ensuring the appropriateness of the Gold Coast's public hospital infrastructure to meet local community needs is an ongoing priority for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Board.

Planning goes through a number of phases, including master planning, concept and business case evaluation, before any decision is made. This work helps to ensure that Queensland Health delivers the right services in the right place, both now and into the future.

The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service (HHS) has completed high level master planning, which identified increasing health service demand in the northern Gold Coast area driven by population growth. This planning is important as it enables a medium to long term view and consideration of a range of sustainable health service options.

The Gold Coast HHS staff and Board are actively planning for the future of public health service delivery across the HHS, including to ensure residents in the northern corridor have timely access to both hospital and community-based health services.

I have asked the Gold Coast HHS to continue to work with their Consumer Advisory Group and other members of the community to design health services that will best meet the needs of the community.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

**STEVEN MILES MP**  
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