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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to E-Petition number 3365-20 titled 'Department of Housing lease on Atira at 33 Glen Road, Toowong' which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 11 August 2020.

In March 2020, all Queenslanders were dealing with the significant uncertainty of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the potential impacts of COVID-19 became clearer, whereby vulnerable people were considered at risk, we acted quickly to move people to accommodation that would offer them better health protection.

The accommodation arrangements at Glen Road were determined to be an emergency, temporary crisis response to COVID-19 health concerns. The people who were offered accommodation at Glen Road were informed of this prior to their transition into the building. The four specialist service providers operating at Glen Road continued to deliver the specialist homelessness and community housing services they are already funded for, while maintaining a COVID-19 safe environment.

During the Rapid Housing Response at Glen Road, a significant amount of work has been undertaken to continually improve operations and address community feedback.

With greater certainty around Queensland's ability to respond to the pandemic, the department, funded service providers, and other partners have been working toward the goal of transitioning people from temporary accommodation to longer-term housing with support. Many people have already transitioned out and efforts are underway to assist the remaining people.

On 18 August 2020, the Director-General, Department of Housing and Public Works made the decision to not exercise the option to extend the department's lease agreement with Scape for 33 Glen Road, Toowong beyond the lease end date of 18 January 2021.

I hope this information answers your enquiry. If I can help with other matters within my portfolio, please contact my office on (07) 3719 7270.

Yours sincerely

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