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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2032-12, tabled in Parliament on 5 March 2013, in relation to concerns expressed towards any proposed job or funding cuts at the Caboolture Hospital.

Metro North Hospital and Health Service (MNHHS) is currently in an active redesign process to improve efficiency. This review is strongly focused on service delivery and ensuring that the local community has access to local healthcare in line with service capability.

Metro North Hospital and Health Service is working to connect patients with the most appropriate services to meet their needs. This includes better utilising existing services within the MNHHS itself, and working closely with other services in the community to ensure patients are receiving the right type of care, at the right time. This re-alignment assists hospitals to operate more efficiently, and provides patients with access to healthcare that is best suited to the level of care they require.

The efficiency program was minimal at Caboolture, with no reduction in the services currently available to the local community, and the redesign has been accomplished with staff who volunteered for early retirement.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely



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