



Hon Paul Lucas MP



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Deputy Premier
and Minister for Health

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

Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter dated 23 November 2010, regarding Petition No. 1520-10. The petition requests a moratorium on moving people with an intellectual disability, currently residing at Baillie Henderson Hospital, to the same unit as those with mental and/or psychiatric disabilities.

I can advise the petitioners that Queensland Health has no intention to transfer these residents into the mental health units at Baillie Henderson Hospital.

Queensland Health and the Department of Communities (Disability and Community Care Services) are currently exploring the most appropriate accommodation and support options for an identified group of long-term residents of Baillie Henderson Hospital who have a single diagnosis of intellectual disability.

Person-centred assessments and individualised planning processes are being undertaken with each of these residents and their family members or guardians.

This assessment and collaborative planning work will inform the most appropriate accommodation and support options for each individual going forward. Disability and Community Care Services are developing processes to ensure that each resident, their family members and guardians are supported to fully engage in developing these plans.

Petitioners can be assured that none of these residents will be relocated or transferred until such plans are finalised and agreed between each of these residents and their families or guardians, Queensland Health and Disability and Community Care Services.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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