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Office of the Minister for Health

Mr Neil Laurie  
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Queensland Parliamentary Service  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition numbers 1627-11 and 1707-11, tabled in Parliament on 14 and 15 June 2011 respectively, concerning services at Maryborough Hospital. As these petitions are identical 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.

These are matters which the Member for Maryborough has advocated strongly on.

The Clinical Services Review released in September 2010 showed that Maryborough Hospital provided "coordinated safe and sustainable services maximising the use of particularly specialist workforce skills and available infrastructure".

Queensland Health is committed to the future of Maryborough Hospital which is demonstrated by the investment in projects such as:

- \$18.4 million, 96 bed Residential Aged Care facility completed in late 2006.
- \$1.4 million, Hydrotherapy Pool and Gym completed in February 2007 to provide water and land based rehabilitation for a range of medical conditions.
- \$30,000 expansion of the Building Management System completed in December 2009.
- \$2.6 million, new purpose built distribution warehouse completed in September 2010.
- \$365,000 upgrade of the Emergency Department to improve patient flow by creating a new short stay area with 3 short stay beds and doubling the capacity of the waiting area, completed in late 2010.
- \$60,000 upgrade of the hospital kitchen completed in September 2010.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

**GEOFF WILSON MP**  
**Minister for Health**