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Mr Neil Laurie  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petitions 2865-18 and 2822-17, tabled in Parliament on 15 February 2018, in relation to planning for a new hospital in the Coomera area. 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 health care delivery is an important part of the work of Hospital and Health Boards. Ensuring the appropriateness of public hospital infrastructure to meet local community needs is an ongoing priority for the Gold Coast Hospital and Health Board.

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

The Gold Coast Hospital and Health Service continues to work closely with Queensland Health in planning health services for the community's projected needs. Local staff and the community will be invited to provide input into the planning process as it evolves.

The Government will consider the outcomes of health service planning for the region accordingly.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Miles'.

**STEVEN MILES MP**  
**Minister for Health**  
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