



The Hon Pat Purcell MP
Member for Bulimba



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Minister for Emergency Services

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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 25 August 2005, Petition No. 517-05 that was received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly regarding Atherton Ambulance Station.

Upon my recent appointment as Minister for Emergency Services, I requested the Department of Emergency Services review the Capital Works Program to identify options to bring forward this work from its current schedule.

I am pleased to advise this review has indicated a capacity to bring forward this project and it has been approved for inclusion in the 2005-06 program. The department is currently preparing documentation for the project with tenders expected to be called for the new station by the end of next month.

Once the tendering process is complete and a successful tenderer appointed, I expect construction of the ambulance station to begin immediately.

The completion of this new state-of-the-art facility will ensure our ambulance service is well placed to meet the current and future needs of the local community in Atherton and surrounding areas.

Yours sincerely

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