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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter dated 3 August 2010, regarding Petition No.1455-10. The Petition draws attention to a need identified by residents for a dedicated Palliative Care facility to service the Redlands Area.

Queensland Health acknowledges the need for more dedicated palliative care beds that are integrated with community and home-based palliative care services. This integration ensures that patients receive the right palliative care, at the right time and in the right place.

The Metro South Palliative Care Service (the Service) provides care for the vulnerable palliative population across Wynnum, Redlands and Moreton Bay islands area. I am advised that the Service has been working with the Executive Director Redlands Hospital and senior medical officers to consolidate palliative care across this District.

The historic health and hospital reform agreement that resulted from the Council of Australian Governments Meeting in April 2010 included a \$326 million commitment for new recurrent funds to provide sub-acute services in Queensland from 1 July 2010. The establishment of a 10 bed palliative care unit at the Redland Residential Aged Care facility in the Redland Hospital precinct will be considered and prioritised alongside with other identified needs in order to seek to improve service delivery to this vulnerable patient group.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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