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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter dated 19 August 2010, regarding petition number 1511-10. The petition requests the administrative transfer of the Taroom Hospital from the Central Queensland Health Service District to the Darling Downs-West Moreton Health Service District.

The views of petitioners on this matter are noted. Under the terms of the National Health and Hospitals Network Agreement between the Commonwealth Government and all States and Territories excluding Western Australia, bodies to be known as Local Hospital Networks (LHNs) and Medicare Locals are to be created. Together, these bodies will be responsible for coordinating and providing health care to their local areas. In Queensland, Health Service Districts would cease to exist under this model.

It is currently intended that public consultation on the potential boundaries of LHNs in Queensland will be undertaken later in 2010. The petitioners will have the opportunity to submit their views on the appropriateness of boundaries in their local area as part of that process.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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