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Office of the Minister for Health

Mr Neil Laurie The Clerk of the Parliament Queensland Parliamentary Service Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Dear Mr Laurie

I write regarding the response tabled by the Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP, former Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, regarding Petition No 1385-10, in relation to the proposed sale of the Riverton Centre, Clayfield.

A number of options for future use/development of the site were identified in the petition, and Queensland Health has given due consideration to each of these, however no interest has been shown by Brisbane City Council to develop this site as open space or park.

I am aware of the local community's concern about the site being developed for higher density development than currently in the area, which is generally low density residential. For this reason, Queensland Health will, on disposal/sale of the property, make a condition of contract restricting development inconsistent with surrounding low density residential uses.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Mrs Kerry Andersen, Acting Director, Policy and Strategy Unit, Health Planning and Infrastructure Division, Queensland Health, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 3006 2729.

Yours sincerely

GEOFF WILSON MP

Minister for Health