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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write to provide a final response to your letter regarding petition number 2836-17, tabled in Parliament on 10 October 2017, in relation to a fulltime doctor for the towns of Alpha and Jericho.

The Director-General, Queensland Health wrote to the Alpha District Tourism Development Association Inc. on 17 November 2017 in relation to this matter. I attach a copy of that response for the benefit of the House.

In accordance with s 59A of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and Standing Order 31, I request that this final response be tabled during the period that the Legislative Assembly is dissolved.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

STEVEN MILES MP
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17 November 2017

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Dear Ms McGuren

Thank you for your letter and petition dated 22 September 2017, regarding finding a permanent resident doctor for Alpha.

I have been informed that the Central West Health and Hospital Service have been working closely with the Consumer Advisory Network to provide the residents with a robust action plan going forward for their health care needs. Most recently the Board Chair, Deputy Chair and Health Service Chief Executive met with community members and the Community Advisory Network on Wednesday, 1 November 2017. At this meeting the action plan was presented and was received positively by all present. The action plan addresses issues including but not limited to; lack of medical and nursing continuity and overnight admissions at the Alpha Multipurpose Health Service. A copy of the staff action plan is available through the Alpha Community Advisory Network.

I have been assured that Central West Hospital and Health Service are now in the recruitment phase for a Senior Medical Officer for the Eastern Hub, who can if they choose, live in Alpha. Central West Hospital and Health Service will keep the communities updated as the recruitment process progresses and we will work closely with the Consumer Advisory Network to ensure the needs of the community are met. In the interim, rosters for the communities of Alpha and Jericho have been developed for the 3 months and been provided to the Consumer Advisory Network and facilities at Alpha and Jericho.

Should you require any further information, Central West Hospital and Health Service's contact is Ms Lorraine Mathison, Executive Director, Nursing and Midwifery Services on telephone 07 4652 8000.

Yours sincerely

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