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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 4022-2024 tabled in Parliament on 30 April 2024, in relation to the Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan for Rockhampton Base Hospital.

Ensuring the Rockhampton community can access world-class healthcare closer to home is a priority for the Miles Government. On 14 March 2024, I was pleased to announce investment of \$7.8 million for a new PET service at Rockhampton Base Hospital.

This investment will ensure the extensive infrastructure required to deliver PET services, including lead shielding bunkers, can be developed on site at Rockhampton Hospital and that the required highly skilled nuclear medicine technician workforce can be recruited.

Queensland Health is also developing the Queensland Cancer Strategy with a focus on health equity for regional areas and enhancing access to specialised cancer services as close to home as is safe and sustainable. The development of PET services at Rockhampton Hospital aligns with this work and our vision for the future health system. Communities across Queensland will have the opportunity to contribute to the draft Queensland Cancer Strategy during the consultation phase in June and July 2024.

In addition, Queensland Health is developing the Queensland Health Workforce Strategy 2032, which is specifically targeted to attracting and retaining the health workforce that Queensland will need in the coming decade. The Strategy will encompass the measures to be taken to attract and recruit specialised workforces such as nuclear medicine, anaesthetics, and nuclear medical technology.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Fentiman', with a stylized, flowing script.

**Shannon Fentiman MP**

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