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Dear Mr Laurie *Neil*,

I write in response to petition number 4313-25, tabled in Parliament on 10 February 2026, in relation to keeping Noosa Dental Clinic open.

Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (SCHHS) has recently opened a new site in Maroochydore and is in the initial planning stages for expanding capacity at Nambour Dental Clinic. When this occurs, resources and personnel from the Noosa Dental Clinic will relocate to the new and expanded site. It is anticipated this relocation will double the capacity of the Nambour Dental Clinic from four chairs to between 8-10 chairs, allowing for the delivery of up to 4,000 more dental appointments each year.

I am advised that in making these changes, SCHHS is ensuring public resources are directed where there is the highest identified need, while still meeting the needs of the Noosa community. Patients from Noosa will be able to choose to attend either location. The Noosa Dental Clinic will remain open until the additional chairs in Nambour become operational.

I can reassure residents of Noosa that vouchers for use in private dental settings will also continue to be offered to eligible public patients.

I understand that travel is a concern for many patients. To assist with this, I am advised that an on-demand booking service will be available for residents who need to attend other dental clinics. Pickup and drop-off points will be arranged to make travel as smooth and reliable as possible. SCHHS will continue exploring options to adjust its existing patient transport services to support community members.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls MP
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