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Ms S Zalewski  
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Dear Ms Zalewski

Thank you for your letter dated 8 November 2002, regarding the Keperra Respite and Dialysis Hospital at Corrigan Street, Keperra.

In response to the petition, I can advise that while there are no plans to close the Keperra Hospital, the hospital's primary role is under review.

Queensland Health is currently involved in a strategic planning exercise regarding the nature of services, which will be provided by the Hospital into the future. This planning exercise includes community and staff consultation with regard to ensuring the long-term viability of services at the Hospital.

A public meeting was held at Arana Hills on Tuesday 15 October 2002, to present and discuss proposals for the future of the Hospital.

The proposals, which involve changes to services at the Hospital, were presented to staff and members of the community at this meeting, and feedback from interested parties was invited to be submitted by 4 December 2002. A community feedback meeting was consequently held, at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11 December 2002, at the Keperra Sanctuary Retirement Village, Keperra. At this meeting Mr Dan Bergin, Central Zone Manager, Queensland Health, and other senior Queensland Health representatives delivered responses to the concerns raised by interested parties throughout the consultation period and to questions raised throughout the meeting.

The information gathered at this meeting is to be collated and forwarded to me on completion of the consultation process, which was extended until 20 December 2002.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**SIGNED**

Wendy Edmond MP  
**Minister for Health and  
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