



**Hon Stephen Robertson MP**  
Member for Stretton



Minister for Health

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Mr Neil Laurie  
Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 29 August 2008, regarding the Parliament of Queensland E-Petition Number 1089-08, for an upgrade of the helipad at Gympie Hospital.

I am pleased to advise that the Gympie Health Service helipad has been identified as a high priority and one of the first Sunshine Coast – Wide Bay Health Service District helipads to be upgraded. Issues to be addressed in the upgrade will include lighting, signage and safety fencing as well as the possible expansion of the landing pad to ensure its capability to handle a variety of sizes of helicopters.

The District submitted a request for an allocation of funding to progress works and approval was received on 21 August 2008. Meetings with helicopter service providers and District staff are currently taking place.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Tracey Stubbs, Executive Director Corporate Services, Sunshine Coast – Wide Bay, Health Service District, Queensland Health, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 5470 6130.

Yours sincerely

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