



Hon Stephen Robertson MP
Member for Stretton



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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letters dated 9 and 12 October 2008, regarding Petition Nos. 1114-08, 1124-08 and 1135-08 in relation to renal services for Kingaroy Hospital.

I am pleased to advise that South Burnett residents will soon benefit from a new renal dialysis service to be established at Kingaroy Hospital next year.

The site works and refurbishment of the six chair, nurse-assisted renal dialysis service will begin next month. Recruitment and training of renal nurses and clinicians will commence in early 2009, and it is anticipated the service will be operational mid-way through next year.

The new renal service will be available to South Burnett residents who need access to dialysis treatment for a chronic kidney condition, and I am advised that this will include those patients who currently have to travel to Toowoomba for renal dialysis.

I recognise there has been significant community concern about dialysis services in Kingaroy, and we are responding to those concerns. The new service is an important expansion of local health infrastructure and highlights the Government's commitment to delivering better health services to regional Queensland.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Linda South, A/District Director of Rural Health Services (West Moreton South Burnett), will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 4162 9201.

Yours sincerely

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