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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2077-13, tabled in Parliament on 19 March 2013, in relation to the planned closure of aged care beds within the Brighton Health Campus and Ashworth House at Zillmere.

I note that the terms of this petition are exactly the same as that contained in petition number 2029-12, tabled in Parliament on 28 November 2012. Accordingly, I refer the Honourable Member for Inala and the Petitioners to my response to petition number 2029-12, for the purposes of addressing this current petition.

I would also take this opportunity to affirm that the focus of the Metro North Hospital and Health Service (MNHHS) is to strengthen primary care to respond to the primary health care needs of the community. MNHHS is focussing resources on hospitals and outpatient care, as this is where MNHHS has a pivotal role being the only provider of public hospital care on the north side of Brisbane.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. J. Springborg'.

**LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP**  
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