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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2116-13, tabled in Parliament on 22 May 2013, in relation to the opposition of selling, closing or privatisation of the Eventide Residential Aged Care Facility at Charters Towers.

The operating environment for Eventide is challenging with the need to invest significantly to ensure the building meets the required standards and address backlog maintenance requirements. Although there are no current plans to reconsider the current operating model for Eventide, as these challenges become clearer the Health Service may reconsider its preferred model for Eventide to ensure the most efficient outcome.

The Townsville Hospital and Health Service strives to deliver safe and high quality services within an efficient framework at all of its facilities.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

  
**LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP**  
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