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Mr Neil Laurie  
Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

Neil,

I write in response to your letters regarding petition numbers 2369-15 and 2393-15, tabled in Parliament on 19 May 2015, in relation to the Childers hydrotherapy pool. As these petitions are similar in nature, I have taken the liberty of responding to both petitions in this letter. I therefore ask that this response be noted against each petition.

On 13 January 2015, the local newspaper, the Bundaberg NewsMail, reported that the Member for Southern Downs, Lawrence Springborg MP, in conjunction with the Member for Burnett, Stephen Bennett MP, would officially announce that under a re-elected LNP government, funding of \$300,000 would be provided for the construction of a hydrotherapy facility in Childers.

I am advised there has never been an allocation of funding approved by the former Minister for Health from Queensland Health for any hydrotherapy facility in Childers.

I am also advised that the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service had not been consulted or advised by the previous government and was not aware of any proposal until published in the local media.

I am also advised that the unfunded hydrotherapy pool is neither a priority nor short-term objective of the Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

Whilst I am sympathetic to the needs of the community, this unfunded project was an election commitment, not a decision taken by the former LNP Government.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Dick', written over a horizontal line.

**CAMERON DICK**  
**Minister for Health**  
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