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Mr Neil Laurie  
The Clerk of the Parliament  
Queensland Parliamentary Service  
Parliament House  
George Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to your letter of 8 October 2003 concerning a petition received by the Queensland Legislative Assembly in relation to the possible placement of an ambulance station on the corner of Randall Road and Old Cleveland Road East, Birkdale.

Advice was sought from the Commissioner, Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) on the issues raised.

The Commissioner has advised that the search for a suitable site for the proposed new Birkdale Ambulance Station is still being progressed. A number of sites are under consideration.

The Commissioner wishes to assure the petitioners that the environmental, social and accessibility issues stated in the petition have been noted and will be taken into account in the selection process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. However, should further information be required, please contact Mr Alan McGrath, Programme Manager, QAS Building Capital Works, Operations Support Branch on telephone number (07) 3247 8983.

Yours sincerely

**HON MIKE REYNOLDS AM MP**  
Minister for Emergency Services  
Minister Assisting the Premier in North Queensland