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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie,

Neil,

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2715-17, tabled in Parliament on 9 May 2017, in relation to Redevelopment of Blackall Hospital and Medical Centre.

In making decisions about local infrastructure to support health service delivery, the Palaszczuk Government works with Hospital and Health Service (HHS) staff and Boards in a collaborative fashion. Decisions about the location of any infrastructure proposal will be guided by the advice of an HHS.

The Central West HHS Board supports a plan for the redevelopment of the Blackall Hospital incorporating Black Stump Medical Centre. To facilitate the Central West HHS strategy of integrating primary and acute care with local general practice, it is proposed that the Black Stump Medical Centre will be relocated onto land owned by the HHS, adjacent to the current Blackall Hospital. The Government is considering that proposal.

I have asked the Central West HHS to continue to work with the Community Advisory Network, Barcoo Retirement Village, Blackall Tambo Regional Council and other members of the community to design services that will best meet the needs of the community.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cameron Dick'.

CAMERON DICK MP
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