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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 3158-19, tabled in Parliament on 20 August 2019, in relation to the development of an ambulance station at Ormeau.

I would like to acknowledge the concerns of the members of the community who have signed the document.

I would like to reassure those community members that the development of the site at 115 Peachey Road, Ormeau will be subject to a period of consultation with the community and stakeholders.

Formal consultation will be occurring through a Ministerial Infrastructure Designation process through the Department of State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning (DSDMIP). This will include a public consultation period of 30 days, which will be notified through advertisement in local papers, signage on the site, letters to the adjacent landowners and individuals who have formally expressed concern to the Department of Health.

As part of the consultation process, the detailed design drawings and reports on the site will be made available to all interested parties, who will then be able to lodge submissions detailing any specific concerns or issues to DSDMIP. The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) will also nominate a representative, who will be available to provide further information or clarification as required during the consultation period.

I can confirm that the QAS's selection of sites is subject to several factors, and significant due diligence, including issues such as access to main arterial roads, proximity to the areas of growing population, block size, value and viability for development. The block at 115 Peachey Road, Ormeau meets the QAS's requirements for delivery of a new ambulance station, which will ensure that the community of Ormeau is provided with timely first response health care services.

The design for the ambulance station will be sympathetic to the neighbourhood and adjacent residences, with screening, privacy plantings, landscaping and acoustic treatments as required to ensure that the building is integrated with its location. Where ambulance stations are located in residential areas, the QAS is able to implement an operational procedure to restrict the use of sirens in the vicinity of adjacent residences, and this procedure will be implemented for this site. The QAS acquisition of this block was undertaken in line with the Government Land Acquisition Policy, which governs purchase of land by government agencies.

I advise that there is currently no development occurring on the site. Demolition of the infrastructure on the site was undertaken as the buildings were not suitable for conversion, and to ensure that the risks from maintaining and securing a vacant building were mitigated. The site has been cleared and fenced, but no further work will be undertaken until the consultation process is completed and the appropriate planning approvals are in place.

Further investigations in relation to design, which will involve some site visits by specialist consultants, will occur over the next 12 months. Where considered necessary, the QAS will inform adjacent landowners of any investigation that may impact them and has also provided contact details to individuals so that they can contact the QAS with any concerns.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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