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Mr Neil Laurie  
Clerk of the Parliament  
Queensland Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Neil', written over the name 'Mr Laurie'.

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 3926-23, tabled in Parliament on 12 September 2023, in relation to CT scanner at Ayr Hospital.

I understand that each rural community and its population needs are unique. Each requires a tailored model in order to provide appropriate health care services to reduce the need for residents to travel for health care.

I am advised that whilst there is no publicly owned CT scanner in the Ayr community area, the community does maintain access to a local imaging service, including the provision of CT imagery, through the local private provider, Ayr Diagnostic Imaging (ADI).

Our Government is absolutely committed to ensuring that Queenslanders can access the health services they need, when they need them, within their communities. We understand that health emergencies often happen outside of business hours, which is why it is so important that a CT scanner is available to Ayr locals through Queensland Health, 24 hours per day.

To that end, I am pleased to inform that the Townsville Hospital and Health Service is progressing this matter in consultation with the Department of Health by preparing a Business Case submission. This will identify the service need and costs of establishing and operating a CT scanner at Ayr Hospital. Once completed by the Townsville HHS this will be provided to the Department of Health for consideration.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Fentiman', written over the words 'Yours sincerely'.

**Shannon Fentiman MP**

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