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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Queensland Parliamentary Service
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for petitions numbered 601-06 and 615-06, regarding the temporary closure of Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department.

We are very pleased to advise that a strategy is about to be implemented which will re-establish a 24 hour emergency department at Caboolture Hospital

On 27 March 2006, the Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department public access hours of operation will extend to 9pm, with clinical staff available until 9pm. On the 18 April 2006, a full 24 hour Emergency Department service will be restored at Caboolture Hospital.

From 27 March 2006, patients can attend the Emergency Department daily. The existing 24 hour special telephone service 1300 557 514 staffed by Emergency Department nurses will continue. The Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) will continue to bypass Caboolture Hospital outside the hours of the Emergency Department.

People who have a life threatening emergency should continue dial 000 for immediate attention by QAS. The new arrangements will impact only on emergency services at Caboolture Hospital. All other services, including in-patient services will remain as normal.

A full Emergency Department Service will be available to all patients from 18 April 2006 and QAS arrangements will return to a normal service.

Caboolture Hospital is committed to providing quality services to the community it serves, including Emergency Services. Senior Managers are working closely with ASPEN Medical to deliver Emergency Services to the Caboolture community. The new emergency department arrangements are part of Queensland Health's commitment to re-establishing Emergency Department services for the Caboolture community.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Mr Barry Jackson, Policy Advisor will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone (07) 3234 1191.

Yours sincerely

STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP

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