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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 29 March 2006, enclosing petition number 633-06, regarding the temporary closure of Caboolture Hospital Emergency Department.

I am pleased to advise that the 24 hour Emergency Department at Caboolture Hospital was restored on 18 April 2006.

Queensland Health and the Caboolture Hospital are committed to providing quality services to the community it serves. The difficult decision to temporarily reduce services at Caboolture Hospital was made by clinicians, and was due to the national shortage of Senior Emergency Medical Doctors. Clinical staff within the Redcliffe-Caboolture Health Service District continue to have a central role in service planning and delivery.

The recent announcement of the new arrangements to restore emergency services is evidence of Queensland Health's commitment to 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 1274.

Yours sincerely

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