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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter dated 11 August 2006, enclosing a petition on behalf of residents of and visitors to Bribie Island, regarding the need for a polyclinic to be built on Bribie Island.

Ms Mary Montgomery, District Manager, Redcliffe-Caboolture Health Service District has advised that Caboolture Hospital is the nearest acute public hospital to Bribie Island and is approximately 30 minutes by road transport. Caboolture Hospital provides a range of speciality services including emergency services, and is staffed by specialists in Emergency Medicine who have the up to date knowledge and clinical skills required in an Emergency Department.

As well as the acute and speciality services provided at the Caboolture Hospital, the Redcliffe-Caboolture Health Service District's Primary Health and Extended Care Services also provide an extensive range of community-based health services on Bribie Island, which can be accessed by contacting the Intake Officer on telephone 5433 8300.

A community-based rehabilitation team has been established within the District to provide rehabilitation services for stroke sufferers and a mobile rehabilitation van for this service will assist in the provision of assessment and therapy on Bribie Island, as well as Kilcoy and the surrounding areas.

Ms Montgomery has also advised that services provided to the residents of Bribie Island have been, and will continue to be, an important part of the overall operational planning for the District, and consideration will be given to new or expanded services on the Island where possible.

Yours sincerely

STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP