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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 8 February 2007, regarding Petition No. 776-07 regarding the suspension of Dr Patrick Lip of Wondai.

The decision to suspend Dr Lip's registration to practice medicine in Queensland was made by the Medical Registration Board of Queensland. As this Board is independent of Government and Queensland Health, your letter of concern has been referred to the Medical Registration Board for their information and any necessary action.

Queensland Health continues to provide public medical and nursing services to the residents of the South Burnett District from the Wondai Community Health Centre, and the Murgon and Kingaroy Hospitals.

Strategies to ensure the continuation of medical services to the community of Wondai and its surrounds were implemented in early 2006 with the temporary closure of Wondai Hospital for refurbishment. These strategies included the establishment of a Nurse Clinic at Wondai Community Health Centre where registered nurses monitor blood pressures, blood sugar levels and renew dressings for patients. The district has extended the hours of this Clinic since September 2006 and the hours of the Medical Superintendent Right of Private Practice at Murgon Hospital has also been extended since September 2006.

Should you have any queries regarding my advice to you, Ms Linda South, Transition Operations Manager, West Moreton South Burnett Health Service District, will be pleased to assist you and can be contacted on telephone 4162 9201.

Yours sincerely

STEPHEN ROBERTSON MP