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Dear Mr Shorten

Thank you for your letter dated 27 November 2012, on behalf of Mrs Clarke, in relation to the Barrett Adolescent Centre.

Please be assured that the West Moreton Hospital and Health Board is committed to ensuring Queensland's adolescents have access to the mental health treatment and care they need. I would like to advise you that as yet, no final decision about Barrett Adolescent Centre has been made.

West Moreton Hospital and Health Service is collaborating with an expert clinical reference group who will recommend a model of care that will be contemporary and evidence based to meet the needs of young people requiring longer term mental health treatment. I note the points raised in Mrs Clarke's letter and I am advised that her letter has been forwarded to the expert clinical reference group for their consideration.

The Hospital and Health Service is committed to work together with the community, mental health consumers and families to ensure they and other stakeholders are kept up to date. A communication plan has been developed to ensure that all stakeholders are kept up to date regarding the progress in the development of the model of care. Consultation regarding the model of care will be broadly based prior to a decision being made.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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