

**Executive Support Unit  
MINISTERIAL CORRESPONDENCE – ACTION SHEET**

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**DUE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:**  
 03 / 09 / 2013

**ACTION OFFICER:** M009

**COPIED TO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Response required:** Yes  No  Action Direct

**Response signatory:** Minister for Health  Assistant Minister  Chief of Staff

**Closing contact details:** Departmental  N/A

**Response Template\*:** A B C G

**Standard Letter:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ESU Option Letter Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Briefing note required:** YES / NO

**Briefing note template\*:** A B C

**COMMENTS:** Response to Queensland teachers Union  
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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

- Acknowledgement Letter
- Acknowledgement Email
- Acknowledgement **Not Required**
- Thank you & Noted Letter

Department Ref #: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Advisor: Mark

**RESPONSE:**

- Minister
  - Dept Contact required
- Assistant Minister
  - Dept Contact required
- Chief of Staff
  - Dept Contact required
- Hospital and Health Service
- Refer to Department for Direct Reply (**Action Direct**)
- No Response Required (**Note and File**)
- BRIEFING NOTE REQUIRED
- BRIEFING NOTE NOT REQUIRED

Re-issue: letter: Kevin Bates - OGD Teachers Union

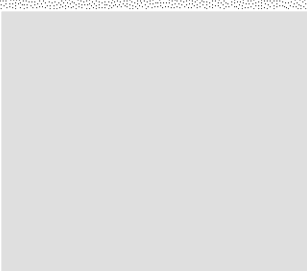
- Implications of the closure of Barrett Adolescent Centre

Previous Dept Ref #: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS / REQUESTS:**

CC'd to Min.

1/2 cc response to Min. Langford

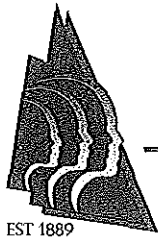


Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 9 AUG 2013

Sent to ESU by: DD

Date: 9 AUG 2013



QUEENSLAND  
TEACHERS' UNION  
OF EMPLOYEES

9 AUG 2013

IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE: kb:cw:ap

07 August 2013

Hon. John-Paul Langbroek MP  
Minister for Education, Training and Employment  
PO Box 15033  
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister

I am writing to seek a meeting with you to discuss the implications of the closure of Barrett Adolescent Centre, announced by Hon. Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health on ABC radio.

I have visited Barrett and met with the staff on several occasions. I am advised that the programs and protocols of Barrett Adolescent Centre are best practice; informed by research and visits to like facilities interstate and overseas. I understand that Barrett Adolescent Centre is unique in its integration of Health and Education services and further, that the level of outstanding service provided by the staff at Barrett generates great outcomes.

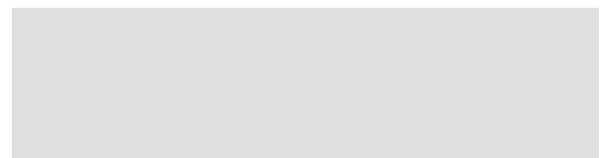
The 2012 Teaching and Learning Audit consistently found that the teachers at Barrett Adolescent Centre deliver 'Outstanding' education service. This result is one indicator of the wealth of expertise and knowledge of the professional teaching team who work alongside of the young people attending Barrett.

The QTU recognises the wealth of expertise and knowledge of the Barrett professional teaching team. Indeed, the skill set of this team is as unique as the service that they deliver. I therefore seek your assurance that this team will be appropriately consulted on their future role within the department.

In seeking a meeting with you I also draw your attention to the West Moreton Hospital and Health Service's series of five "Fast Facts" published between November 2012 and May 2013. The Barrett Adolescent Centre "Fast Facts 5" (May 2013) states that the expert clinical reference group submitted seven recommendations to the overarching Planning Group in April. There have been no further 'Fast Facts' updates.

Address all correspondence to:

The General Secretary, Queensland Teachers' Union



The QTU supports calls from other community groups for the expert clinical reference group's report and recommendations to be made public.

Please contact Craig Wood in the Milton Office on [REDACTED] to arrange a meeting regarding the implications of the closure of Barrett Adolescent Centre.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Kevin Bates

President

cc Hon Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health  
Dr Jim Watterston, Director-General