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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 9 November 2012 regarding the Barrett Adolescent Centre Special School and your advocacy for the continuation of a specialised program through the Centre.

The difference that the Barrett Adolescent Centre Special School had made for [REDACTED] is evident from your letter.

I can assure you that the decisions on the proposed changes to delivering the health services provided by the Centre are not taken lightly by Government and my Department is committed to providing equitable educational opportunities for all students of school age in Queensland.

In meeting this commitment, Education Queensland schools strive to address the diverse needs of all students in their care.

I understand that Queensland Health is investigating future options for the adolescent patients who currently attend the Barrett Centre, as well as alternative contemporary models of care to replace the current services. Officers from my Department, including Mr Kevin Rogers, Principal of the Barrett Centre, have been invited to participate in Planning Groups with Queensland Health in this regard.

Once Queensland Health finalises its recommendations, my Department will design and implement appropriate educational support to address the needs of students who require the educational services provided at the Barrett Centre.

My Department remains committed to supporting current students and those who, in future, may require the specialised and intensive educational services currently provided at the Centre.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact Mr Peter Blatch, Assistant Regional Director, Metropolitan Region by email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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