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DUE EXECUTIVE SUPPORT:

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ACTION OFFICER: m009

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Response required: Yes No Action Direct / Board to respond

Response signatory: Minister for Health Assistant Minister Chief of Staff

Closing contact details: Departmental N/A

Response Template*: A B C G

Standard Letter: _____

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Briefing note required: YES / NO

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COMMENTS: _____

Donna De Brenni

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 October 2013 3:07 PM
To: Health
Subject: RE: Save the Barrett Centre

My details are

Mr D Wilson

[REDACTED]

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> Thank you for your email to the Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health.

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> If you would like to provide an opportunity for the Minister to respond, please email back with your title, postal address and your correspondence will be actioned as appropriate.

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> We appreciate the time you have taken to contact our office.

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> Kind regards

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> Office of the Minister for Health

> E-mail: [REDACTED]

> Phone: [REDACTED]

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> From [REDACTED]

> Sent: Monday, 7 October 2013 9:43 PM

> To: Health [REDACTED]

> Subject: Save the Barrett Centre

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> Dear Sir

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> Since late 2012, the people of Queensland have been waiting to find out if young people suffering with severe mental illness will continue to receive the outstanding treatment that the Barrett Adolescent Centre has been providing for 30 years.

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> The announcement of the centre's closure at Wacol has devastated many. But compounding that with more waiting about future mental healthcare options is too much to ask of people whose lives are already filled with daily pain and distress.

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> The Expert Clinical Reference Group has recommended retaining a model of care that includes INPATIENT EXTENDED TREATMENT and ON-SITE SCHOOLING. So I am writing to ask you to announce publicly that your government will ensure the provision of exactly such a service.

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> The details of how such a model will put into practice may require the final months of the life of the Barrett Centre at Wacol to finalise – but the ongoing availability of LONGTERM RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT with a MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM that includes ON-SITE EDUCATION provided by SPECIALISED TEACHERS must be confirmed as soon as possible so as not to cause any more disruption to the lives of people who are already suffering.

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> SEVERE mental illness goes beyond depression and anxiety. SEVERE mental illness can mean violence, self-harm, extreme isolation, family torment and ultimately suicide. You have the power to lighten the loads that would be, to many of us, already unbearable.

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> Please announce as soon as you can that adolescents with severe mental illness will have access to INPATIENT EXTENDED TREATMENT ON-SITE SCHOOLING from 2014 onwards.

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> Thank you,

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> david wilson

> [Redacted signature block]

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