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**From:** Dan Siskind [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 10 November 2012 9:01 AM  
**To:** Kingswell, Bill  
**Subject:** Re: Barrett

Pithy and to the point. Always a pleasure, Bill!

On 10/11/2012, at 5:32 AM, "Bill Kingswell" [REDACTED] wrote:

Dan  
Barrett centre costs about \$6m recurrent to run. It can identify no outcomes. It is attached to the most expensive school in Aus that records no naplan results. It is run down, 50% occupied and uses a controversial model of care that does not appear anywhere in the NMHSPF taxonomy.  
We have built 8 new beds at Toowoomba and 6 are under construction at Townsville. The rest of the SE runs 50% occupancy.  
We do not need this bed stock. This service could be provided in existing beds, expanded day services and NGO respite and we could do it within existing resources.  
Other than that I can think of no reason not to retain Barrett.  
Cheers Bill

On 09/11/2012, at 9:09 PM, "Dan Siskind" [REDACTED] wrote:

Dear Bill,

I just received a copy of a letter sent by the Qld Branch of the College Child and Adolescent Faculty sent to the Health Minister expressing their concerns about the closure of the Barrett.

We will be discussing this at the branch meeting next week. Any thoughts you would like me to share on behalf of the MHB?

Cheers, Dan S

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