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Dear Mr Grimwade

Thank you for your email dated 22 November 2012, on behalf of Ms Angela Clarke, in relation to the Barrett Adolescent Centre.

Please be assured that I, along with West Moreton Hospital and Health Service, am committed to ensuring Queensland's adolescents have access to the mental health care they need.

I would like to advise you that no final decision has been made regarding the Barrett Adolescent Centre. However, West Moreton Hospital and Health Service is collaborating with an expert clinical reference group to review various models of care that will meet the needs of adolescents requiring longer mental health treatment. Any revised model of care will ensure that Queensland's youth will continue to receive the excellent mental health care that they have always received.

The Hospital and Health Service will work together with the community, mental health consumers and their families to ensure they 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 will be broadly based prior to a decision being made.

To ensure that Ms Clarke's points are considered, I have asked that her letter be forwarded to the expert clinical reference group.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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