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Dear Mr Laurie

I write in response to your letter regarding petition number 2016-12, tabled in Parliament on 5 March 2013, in relation to the requirement to not close 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 and treatment 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 a multidisciplinary expert clinical reference group to review 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 is working 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. I would like to assure you that consultation will be broadly based prior to a final decision being made.

I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

**LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP**  
**Minister for Health**

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