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ACTION OFFICER:

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Response  
required:

Yes

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No

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Action Direct

☒Response  
signatory:Minister for  
Health☐Assistant  
Minister☐

Chief of Staff

☐Closing contact  
details:

Departmental

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Response Template\*:

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Briefing note required:

YES / NO

Briefing note template\*:

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COMMENTS:

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

- ☐ Acknowledgement Letter  
☒ Acknowledgement Email  
☐ Acknowledgement **Not Required**  
☐ Thank you & Noted Letter

Department Ref #: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Advisor: Vaun

Re-Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Email:**RESPONSE:**

- ☐ Minister  
    ☐ Dept Contact required  
☐ Assistant Minister  
    ☐ Dept Contact required  
☐ Chief of Staff  
    ☐ Dept Contact required  
☒ Hospital and Health Service  
☐ Refer to Department for  
    Direct Reply (**Action Direct**)  
☐ No Response Required (**Note and File**)  
☐ **BRIEFING NOTE REQUIRED**  
☐ **BRIEFING NOTE NOT REQUIRED**

Save the Bennett Centre

Previous Dept Ref #: \_\_\_\_\_

**COMMENTS / REQUESTS:**

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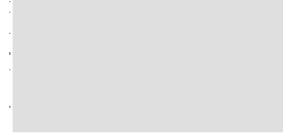
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Reviewed by: VPDate: 6/6/13Sent to ESU by: ODDate: 11 JUN 2013

**Courteney Hawkins**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 June 2013 1:25 PM  
**To:** Health  
**Subject:** RE: Save the Barrett Centre



I would appreciate a reply which is more than the standardised "form of words", and actually addresses the issue of the Barrett Centre closure?

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Health  
**Date:** 3/06/2013 1:14:43 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Save the Barrett Centre

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

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

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

Kind regards

Office of the Minister for Health

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 3 June 2013 1:14 PM  
**To:** Health; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Save the Barrett Centre

Dear Sir

I am fearful that we have forgotten how to actively support our self-promoted ideology of being a caring society: we need to do more than pump out glossy brochures, and commit financial, emotional and physical support to back our words.

I am writing to you to urge you to do whatever you can to ensure that the Barrett Adolescent Centre continues to provide the long-term treatment and education that has proven to be so successful in changing the lives of young sufferers of severe mental illness.

The torment of mental illness is increasingly widespread. A facility like the Barrett Centre is the only chance some young Queenslanders have for living a productive adult life. Without it, lives are put at risk and families seriously compromised.

While community-based care is an ideal situation, it is plainly not an option in many circumstances – so investment in one or more facilities that offer comprehensive residential care is essential in ensuring a future for many of our state's young people.

To do what we know to be successful in alleviating some of the suffering is an obligation. I hope the Queensland government will exceed that obligation and demonstrate to the world our expertise in treatment and our forward-thinking approach. The future is in our young people. To care for them is to produce a strong and thriving Queensland for the years ahead.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]







## Office of the Minister for Health

11 JUN 2013

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence dated 3 June, 2012 to the Office of the Minister for Health, regarding your concerns with the closure of The Barrett Adolescent Centre at Wacol.

As you may be aware, from 1 July 2012, and under the direction of the new Queensland Government, 17 independent Boards have assumed accountability for the delivery of public hospital and health services that was previously provided by the Health Services Districts.

Each Board has enhanced control over local health service delivery and seeks greater local input from both clinicians and the community.

Accordingly, I have referred your correspondence to the West Moreton Hospital and Health Services, for attention and response.

Yours sincerely

*Col:* [REDACTED]  
Colleen Miller  
Office Manager