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**ACTION OFFICER:** MD09

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**Response required:**

Yes

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No

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Board to respond

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**Response signatory:**

Minister for  
Health

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Assistant  
Minister

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Chief of Staff

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**Closing contact details:**

Departmental

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N/A

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**Response Template\*:** A B C G

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**Briefing note required:** YES / NO

**Briefing note template\*:** A B C

**COMMENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Courteney Hawkins**

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**From:** shayne dearling [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 31 July 2013 5:59 PM  
**To:** Health  
**Subject:** Re: Save the Barrett Centre

Yes I would like a response.

[REDACTED]

On Wed, Jul 31, 2013 at 5:02 PM, Health [REDACTED] wrote:

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 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:** Wednesday, 31 July 2013 1:18 PM  
**To:** Health; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Save the Barrett Centre

Dear Sir

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,

Shayne Dearling



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Mr Shayne Dearling

1 AUG 2013

Dear Mr Dearling

Thank you for your correspondence dated 31 July, 2013 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

Colleen Miller  
**Office Manager**