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Response required: Yes  No  Action Direct/ Board to respond

Response signatory: Minister for Health  Assistant Minister  Chief of Staff

Closing contact details: Departmental  N/A

Response Template\*: A B C G

Standard Letter: \_\_\_\_\_

ESU Option Letter Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefing note required: YES / **NO**

Briefing note template\*: A B C

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ESU Contact: Diane Cochran (s) g



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**From:** Megan Hayes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 November 2012 9:20 PM  
**To:** Health  
**Subject:** Re: Barrett Adolescent Centre closure

Hi as requested my postal address is [REDACTED]  
I look forward to a response.  
Kind regards  
Megan Hayes

Sent from my iPhone

On 16/11/2012, at 8:21 AM, Health [REDACTED] te:

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:** Megan and Paul Hayes [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 November 2012 12:58 PM  
**To:** Health; Southern Downs  
**Subject:** Barrett Adolescent Centre closure

Dear Honourable Lawrence Springborg

I would like to email you to oppose the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre situated at The Park, Centre for Mental Health. As an employee of the Barrett Adolescent Centre I am deeply saddened that this has even been considered, especially as the young people are in desperate need of high level quality mental health care. As you may be aware the adolescents that receive treatment at Barrett are unable to be cared for appropriately within the community and acute settings, hence their comprehensive treatment within a residential setting. Therefore, the option to re-place them within an acute hospital is an extremely inappropriate setting with their needs being quite different from those admitted there. Also, this will add further strain to the waiting lists that already exist within this setting.

The staff of the Barrett Adolescent Centre are highly trained and dedicated to the wellbeing of the young people they care for. I hope you will consider not only the young people impacted, their families and friends but also the many staff that have been instrumental in providing the many patients admitted to Barrett Adolescent Centre since its opening a life and a future.

Please re-consider this decision to allow for the best possible care for our most vulnerable adolescents.

Kind regards

Megan Hayes

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## Office of the Minister for Health

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Ms Megan Hayes

22 NOV 2012

Dear Ms Hayes

Thank you for your correspondence dated 15 November, 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 Chair of the West Moreton Hospital and Health Board, Dr Mary Corbett for attention and reply direct.

Yours sincerely,

Colleen Miller  
Office Manager