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Dear Dr Boulton and Dr Dale

I refer to your letter dated 27 July 2022 addressed to the Honourable Yvette D’Ath MP, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services about the recently announced Queensland Cancer Centre (QCC) at the Herston Health Precinct. Your letter has been forwarded to me for direct response.

Metro North Health was thrilled by the Queensland Government’s announcement back in June 2022 advising of its substantial investment of \$750 million for this brand-new world-class cancer hospital to be built here at Herston.

As the QCC will also include a full range of research, education and training facilities, Metro North Health is excited by the prospect that this centre will support continued and strengthened partnerships with universities and research institutes.

I am sure that the combination of this record investment and these strengthened partnerships will realise improved outcomes for Queenslanders suffering from cancer.

In relation to your specific questions, there is a plan for an uplift of quaternary services in Queensland including investment in cutting edge cancer technology including proton therapy, which is not currently available in Queensland.

The modelling was based on population density, established academic infrastructure as well as location of established state-wide services in cancer.

The QCC is a state-wide facility, which aims for equity of access across Queensland, including partnering with all Queensland cancer centres. Referral, research and care pathways will incorporate virtual models of care as a core principle.

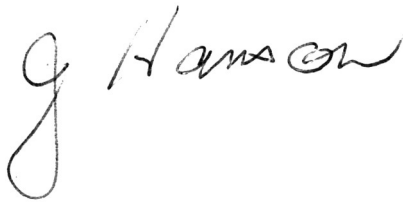
The Queensland Statewide Cancer Clinical Network has been engaged in the concept of the centre. The Queensland Statewide Cancer Clinical Network has multi-disciplinary membership from all Queensland cancer units across 14 health services.

I can confirm that the QCC is a public centre.

And finally, the QCC is a state-wide facility, which aims for equity of access across Queensland, including partnering with all Queensland cancer centres. Education and training opportunities linked to the centre will be available to all Queensland cancer clinicians.

I hope this information addresses any concerns you had about the aim of the facility and reinforces that it is a facility for all Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Hanson'.

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