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Hon Yvette D'Ath MP
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By email: [REDACTED]

Subject: Queensland Cancer Centre – Links for Regional Queensland

Dear Minister D'Ath

AMA Queensland welcomes all investment in cancer services including the recent budget announcement of the \$750 million Queensland Cancer Centre (QCC) to be built within the Herston Health Precinct. We similarly acknowledge the Treasurer's comments in the joint statement that *'investments in our health system will be a central focus of our budget, ensuring Queenslanders have access to the services they need'*.

To that end, how will Queenslanders in rural, regional and remote areas benefit from the new QCC? In particular, AMA Queensland members have raised the following questions:

- What new services will be offered at the QCC which are not currently offered at the Herston Health Precinct and Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital?
- What modelling led to the business case for a new facility in South-East Queensland?
- Will increased capacity in Brisbane lead to a change in referral patterns across the state?
- What efforts have been/will be made to engage with cancer specialists throughout Queensland?
- Will the new centre be privately run? If so, what will be the relationship to Queensland Health in terms of governance structure and pay and conditions?
- Will there be parallel efforts to improve care for cancer patients in non-metropolitan areas such as increased funding for specialist surgeons, medical oncologists, palliative care physicians and specialist nurses?

We note the joint statement referenced scoping and consultation would now commence. AMA Queensland welcomes this and any other opportunities to contribute to the planning of cancer treatment service provision for all Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

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