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13 July 2010

Mr Rick Carr
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Carr

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 16 June 2010 and have written to the Health Minister for the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic for Queensland.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Simpson MP
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2 July 2010

Mr Rick Carr
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Carr

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEUROMUSCULAR CLINIC FOR QUEENSLAND

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2010 seeking my support for the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic for Queensland.

I appreciate receiving the information you have provided, specifically the figures for people living with Muscular Dystrophy or other neuromuscular disorders in my electorate.

No doubt you have written to Mr Paul Lucas, Minister for Health and Mr Mark McArdle, Shadow Minister for Health with respect to your proposal. If not, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to both the Minister and Shadow Minister on your behalf. I **enclose** copies of my letters for your information.

I trust that this is of assistance to you.

If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at my office.

Yours sincerely

Jarrod Bleijie MP
Member for Kawana

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7 July 2010

Mr Rick Carr
CEO
Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
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Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Muscular Dystrophy Queensland seeking my support for the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic for Queensland.

I am happy to offer my support for this initiative and with this mind I have taken the liberty of making representation to the Minister for Health regarding the establishment of such a clinic for Queensland.

Once I have received a response from the Minister I will contact you again.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours sincerely

Mary-Anne O'Neill MP
MEMBER FOR KALLANGUR



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23 June 2010

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have been approached to support Muscular Dystrophy Queensland's (MDQ) application to Queensland Health for the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic and am delighted to do so. MDQ was established in 1978 to support individuals and families living with neuromuscular disorders, to enable them to experience life to their fullest potential. The relentless progression of neuromuscular disease is a fact of life for these people. Every new day brings with it the likelihood of yet another hurdle to be overcome as the muscles of the body weaken and atrophy.

MDQ wishes to develop a neuromuscular clinic that will offer diagnosis, monitoring and treatment of all debilitating neuromuscular disorders and provide skilled, expert staff in a safe and supportive environment. The establishment of the clinic would provide community members with a clinic that is specifically focused on neuromuscular disorders.

The benefits of this facility will also flow into our existing health system. This specialised clinic would ease the strain on Queensland Health facilities whilst providing patients with physiotherapists, neurologists and social workers specific to each patient's needs. In addition to the clinic itself, educational material will be a high priority as the wider community needs to understand the effects the condition has on individuals and families within their local town.

Groups such as Muscular Dystrophy Queensland highlight the need to establish a state wide neuromuscular service and networks for all Queenslanders. This project already has the support of specialist physicians and allied health professionals and more importantly has the support of community members state wide hoping to see the project reach its full potential.

Muscular Dystrophy Queensland should be commended for their dedication and initiative to push for the establishment of a service that would bring important benefits to its clients across Queensland. I ask that this application be given due consideration in the funding process.

Yours faithfully

**Howard Hobbs MP
Member for Warrego
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JUDY SPENCE MP

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29 June 2010

Mr Rick Carr
CEO Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
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Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your recent letter written on behalf of Muscular Dystrophy Queensland seeking my support for the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic in Queensland.

I am pleased to lend my support to Muscular Dystrophy Queensland in this matter and have today written to the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Minister for Health to advise this support and have attached a copy of your letter to me for his information.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Spence".

Judy Spence MP
Member for Sunnybank

Encl.



LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP

MEMBER FOR SOUTHERN DOWNS

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Mr Rick Carr
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Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your letter of 16th June, 2010, regarding Muscular Dystrophy Queensland's desire to establish a neuromuscular clinic for Queensland.

I have noted the contents of your letter and the matters that you have raised.

I totally support Muscular Dystrophy Queensland's proposal and have written to both the Hon Paul Lucas, Minister for Health and the Hon Anna Palaszczuk, Minister for Disabilities, requesting that they give this matter due and favourable consideration.

I will contact you again upon the receipt of a response from the Ministers.

Yours sincerely


Lawrence Springborg
Member for Southern Downs



Office of the Premier

For reply please quote: *TF/10/14927* & *TF/10/14918*

28 June 2010

Mr Rick Carr
Chief Executive Officer
Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
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Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2010. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf.

Please be assured your correspondence has been received and will be actioned appropriately. Should it be required, a formal response will be sent to you in due course.

I appreciate the time you have taken to contact the Premier.

Yours sincerely

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23rd June 2010

Mr Rick Carr
CEO Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
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Dear Rick

I have enclosed a letter of support for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland as requested.

I trust that this letter is sufficient for your requirements and I wish Muscular Dystrophy Queensland every success with their application.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office, should I be able to further assist.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ray Hopper".

Ray Hopper MP
Member for Condamine



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23rd June 2010

To Whom It May Concern

It is my understanding that Muscular Dystrophy Queensland is seeking support for the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic in Queensland.

Since its establishment in 1978, Muscular Dystrophy Queensland has sought to assist individuals and families throughout Queensland living with Muscular Dystrophy and other neuromuscular disorders.

Currently there are at least 6 individuals living with Muscular Dystrophy or other neuromuscular disorders within my electorate of Condamine, although with an estimated 1 in every 1,500 people in Queensland being affected by a genetic neuromuscular disorder, the number of sufferers in the electorate may be much higher.

The establishment of this clinic will see the knowledge and expertise of specialist physicians and allied health professionals in Brisbane, who deal with neuromuscular disorders on a regular basis, radiate out to regional physicians and allied health professionals, which will improve the diagnosis and treatment of neuromuscular disorders across Queensland.

I personally support this application for assistance and would like to see this application meet with success, particularly for the well being of patients suffering from neuromuscular disorders, enhancing the length and quality of life of the patients and providing support for the patient's family/carer. The clinic would also bring about efficiencies to the current care provided, thereby reducing the costs to the health system itself.

It is with pleasure that I write this letter of support and I do hope that it meets with a favourable response.

Yours sincerely

Ray Hopper MP
Member for Condamine



TED MALONE MP

Member for Mirani

**Shadow Minister for Emergency Services
Shadow Minister for Northern Development**

23 June 2010

Rick Carr
CEO Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
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Dear Rick

Thank you for briefing me on the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic for Queensland.

After reading your report, I can clearly see that this would be a massive leap forward in the coordinated treatment and care of those living with these incurable genetic muscle wasting diseases.

It is vital that this service is available to regional physicians and allied health professionals, enabling them to improve both the diagnosis and treatment of neuromuscular disorders across Queensland.

As Member for Mirani, I fully support the establishment of a state wide neuromuscular service and network for Queensland.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Yours sincerely

TED MALONE MP
Member for Mirani
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**MR CHRIS FOLEY MP
STATE MEMBER FOR MARYBOROUGH**

23 June 2010

Mr Rick Carr
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Dear Rick

It is without hesitation you have my support for Muscular Dystrophy Queensland endorsing the establishment of a state wide neuromuscular service and neuromuscular network for Queensland.

I am aware that there is a number of individuals living with Muscular Dytrophy or other neuromuscular disorders in my electorate, therefore establishing a neuromuscular clinic for Queensland would be taking the first important steps toward meeting the recognised standards of care for neuromuscular patients, as well as rectifying the disparity in levels of care to those living across the state, as you have pointed out.

Any support the proposed clinic can give to those who live with neuromuscular disease, their parent/carers and the communities in which they live would be welcome, and you certainly have my support for the proposed neuromuscular clinic.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "CF", written over a large, stylized blue scribble.

Mr Chris Foley MP
State Member for Maryborough



21 June 2010

Office of the Minister for Health

Mr Dean Wells MP
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Ref: MO:10002456

Dear Mr Wells

I refer to your correspondence to the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, on behalf of Mr Rick Carr, CEO Muscular Dystrophy Queensland, dated 18 June 2010.

The contents of your communication have been noted.

The Deputy Premier has referred your correspondence to Queensland Health for advice and it is currently receiving attention.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Health**



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22 June 2010

Mr Rick Carr
Chief Executive Officer
Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
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Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2010 seeking support for the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic in Queensland.

I have written to the Deputy Premier and Minister for Health, Paul Lucas MP, asking him to consider the proposal outlined in your correspondence.

Thank you for raising this matter with me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Evan Moorhead".

Evan Moorhead MP
MEMBER FOR WATERFORD



21 June 2010

Mr Rick Carr
Chief Executive Officer
Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
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Our ref: MO: 10002446

Dear Mr Carr,

I refer to your correspondence seeking support for the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic in Queensland, dated 16 June 2010, to the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Deputy Premier and Minister for Health.

The contents of your communication have been noted.

The Minister has referred your correspondence to Queensland Health for consideration and it is currently receiving attention.

Yours sincerely

**Office of the Deputy Premier and
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18 June 2010

Mr Rick Carr
Chief Executive Officer
Muscular Dystrophy Queensland
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Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your letter of 16 June 2010 concerning the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic for Queensland.

I am always supportive of science based programs that are world best practices and that are shown to be cost effective.

Thank you for taking the time to keep me informed of the proposed establishment of a State wide neuromuscular service and neuromuscular network for Queensland.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Rickuss".

Ian Rickuss MP
Member for Lockyer

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Mr R Carr
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Dear Rick

Thank you for your letter outlining the proposal for a neuromuscular clinic in Queensland.

I have made representations to the Hon P Lucas MP Deputy Premier and Minister for Health on your behalf and will forward his response when it is received.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean Wells".

DEAN WELLS MP
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18 June 2010

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Carryn Sullivan MP
STATE MEMBER FOR PUMICESTONE



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Friday, 25 June 2010

Mr R Carr
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your letter of 16 June regarding the establishment of a neuromuscular clinic for Queensland.

As this initiative would provide significant benefits for many Queenslanders, I will forward your letter to the Honourable Paul Lucas MP, Minister for Health for his consideration.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carryn Sullivan".

Carryn Sullivan MP
Member for Pumicestone



Ros Bates MP

Member for Mudgeeraba



Rick Carr
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25 June 2010

Dear Mr Carr

Thank you for your letter of 16 June on behalf of Muscular Dystrophy Queensland.

I appreciate you keeping me informed and I am happy to support your endeavours to establish a clinic to assist those who live with neuromuscular disease and also their carers.

Again, thank you for providing me with details of your proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Ros Bates'.

Ros Bates MP
State Member for Mudgeeraba

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