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Mr Russel Guse  
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On the 8<sup>th</sup> of April I wrote to the Minister for Health seeking a formal commitment from his Government to the construction of the new Health Facility at Baralaba.

I have been frustrated at the time taken to obtain a response as I believe what I was seeking was simply a formal and binding statement of the verbal commitments given by the Minister both to me personally and to other community representatives.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of May I raised this issue in the Parliament in the matters of public interest debate and enclose a copy of the Hansard record for your advice. Also, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June I asked the Minister a question on notice in the Parliament as to when the written commitment he had promised to us all would be forthcoming and enclose a copy of that question for your advice.

Consequently on the floor of the Parliament on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> of June the Minister for Health, Paul Lucas, personally handed me a copy of the attached letter and once again assured me of his Government's commitment to completing this project in 2011.

While the letter is not as definitive as I would have liked it does provide a commitment to a Multi Purpose Health Facility worth \$8 million that will allow the reinstatement of the full range of age care facilities in 2011.

While I remain disappointed at the decisions taken by Queensland Health in relation to the current service level at Baralaba Hospital I will continue to do everything possible to ensure the new health facility is built as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

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