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22 August 2017

The Hon. Brad Hazzard MP
Minister for Health
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

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Dear Minister,

Temora Obstetrics Theatre Closure

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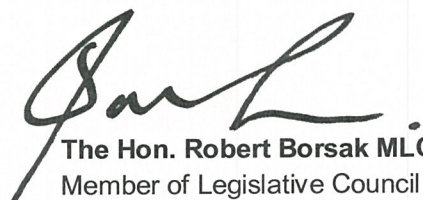
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I know that rural health services are a priority for your Government, so I hope you can intervene without delay. Attached is my letter to the Murrumbidgee LHD CEO on this matter.

I seek your most urgent response.

Yours sincerely,



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cc. The Chief Executive, Murrumbidgee LHD



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Ms Jill Ludford
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