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Dear Dr Boulton *Maria*

Further to your letter dated 14 November 2023, I have been discussing the concern of your members about COVID transmission in Queensland hospitals with Belinda Henderson, Chief Infection Control Nurse, Queensland Infection and Prevention Unit.

We too have been concerned about this problem for some time. I wrote to the Chief Executives of all Queensland Public and Private hospitals about the matter on 8 December 2023.

Belinda and I have decided to systematically visit as many Queensland hospitals as possible. We will meet with their staff, seek to understand the challenges and work with the Infection Prevention and Control teams on a solution suitable for their hospital. This will take a number of weeks.

Like your members, we are particularly concerned about the flow issues in emergency departments.

There clearly is no easy fix, but I agree that we should be working to optimise the simple things.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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