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Mr Gerard Hayes
Secretary
Health Services Union
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Sent via email: info@hsu.asn.au; secretary@hsu.asn.au

RE: Morisset Hospital Service relocation

Dear Mr Hayes

On Friday, 6 October 2023 the NSW Government announced a new, purpose-built mental health facility, to be located on the Maitland Hospital campus at Metford. The facility will provide enhanced specialised mental health support for adults, older people and forensic consumers.

As part of the Maitland Mental Health project, all services that are currently being delivered from outdated facilities at Morisset Hospital will be transferred off the site, with most of the services to be relocated to a purpose-built site on the Maitland Hospital campus. This will help us deliver more integrated and holistic health care for our mental health consumers, and will better support the high-quality care already provided by staff at Morisset in a contemporary and therapeutic environment.

I understand this transition of services from Morisset to Maitland will raise questions and potential concern for our staff. We are committed to working with staff during this process to ensure they have the support and information they need.

In addition, we encourage all staff to be engaged and participate through the planning, design and transition process. We will establish a Joint Union Specific Consultative Committee (JUSCC) at the appropriate time once project particulars are available to facilitate meaningful dialogue, noting that any transition is not imminent.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Holt

Acting Executive Director

General Manager

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