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Mr Neil Laurie Clerk of the Parliament Queensland Parliament George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Dear Mr Laurie Netl.

I write in response to petition number 4234-25, tabled in Parliament on 10 June 2025, in relation to halting the destruction of data, biospecimens, and preliminary reports as part of the QoVAX research program.

I am advised that QoVAX research program data, biospecimens, and documentation are currently stored in accordance with the Queensland Government General Retention and Disposal Schedule, Health Sector (Clinical Records) Retention and Disposal Schedule, and Health Sector (Corporate Records) and Retention and Disposal Schedule.

I have instructed Metro North Hospital and Health Service to continue to retain research program data, biospecimens, and documentation related to the QoVAX research program.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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**Tim Nicholls MP** Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Member for Clayfield