



**The Hon Roger Cook MLA
Deputy Premier
Minister for Health; Mental Health**

Our Ref: 60-33288

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC
Chairman
Legislative Council Committee Office
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
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Dear Mr ~~Swinbourn~~ *Matt,*

Re: Petition No. 173 – Fiona Stanley Hospital

Thank you for your letter dated 26 November 2020 seeking my comments relating to Petition No. 173, a submission by NeuroEndocrine Cancer Australia advocating Fiona Stanley Hospital (FSH) be recognised as a centre of excellence in the treatment and care of neuroendocrine tumours (NETs).

Firstly, I would like to assure you that this Government is fully committed to working towards achieving the best outcomes for all patients, including those living with the burden of a rare condition.

To support this, earlier this year WA Health commenced a 3-phase program to update the WA Health Clinical Services Framework (CSF), which guides the delivery of safe high-quality public health care in Western Australia. Phase 1 is complete, with phase 2 due to commence in January 2021.

A priority for phase 2 is a review of state-wide services. Aspects of governance, equity of access, funding and workforce implications will be considered. The Neuroendocrine tumour services provided at FSH and other metropolitan public hospitals will be considered in the context of this review.

In the meantime, a Rare and Less Common Cancers Clinical Nurse Consultant (RLCC CNC) has been appointed to the Western Australian Cancer and Palliative Care Network's Clinical Implementation Unit based at the North Metropolitan Health Service.

The RLCC CNC will be available from February 2021 to NETs patients to support and advocate for them throughout their treatment and ongoing management.

If I can be of any further assistance, or you require any updates in future, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roger Cook', with a large, stylized initial 'R' at the start.

HON ROGER COOK MLA
DEPUTY PREMIER
MINISTER FOR HEALTH; MENTAL HEALTH

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