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Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of my constituents who are concerned about the inadequate resourcing of our public hospitals and excessive wait-times in our emergency departments.

Our overworked doctors and nurses are doing their best, but they are being let down by the Liberal Government with insufficient resources, flat wages, and a staffing crisis.

I appreciate that our emergency departments are under a lot of strain due to Covid-19 and a record flu season. However, our growing communities deserve better.

We need a properly funded and resourced health system that takes the pressure off our overworked doctors and nurses. Urgent action is needed to help reduce excessive wait-times in our emergency departments.

More than 55.7% of patients spent more than four hours in emergency at Campbelltown Hospital (March 2022), up by 16.53% from 2021. At Liverpool Hospital, 56.4% of patients spent more than four hours in emergency (March 2022), an increase of 12.35% from the previous year.

Last month, I launched a petition in my electorate to fix our hospitals. I would like to share with you some of my constituents' comments:

'Sitting in an emergency waiting room for 8 hours with a sick wife is totally unsatisfactory.'

'Stop grandstanding new buildings and hire staff to work in the hospitals. Improve pay and conditions, and provide enough equipment and resources to allow the hospitals to operate efficiently and effectively!'

'As a nurse, I am first-hand seeing the hospital system is at breaking point and striving to keep its head above water keeping patients safe.'

I would be grateful for your advice on the matters raised above.

Yours sincerely,

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