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Mr Robert McDonald Clerk Legislative Council Parliament of Victoria via email: council@parliament.vic.gov.au

Dear Mr McDonald,

Thank you for your email addressed to the former Minister for Ambulance Services, the Hon Gabrielle Williams MP, regarding petitions tabled in the Legislative Council on 30 August 2023, relating to saving the Inglewood ambulance station.

I can appreciate the concerns of the local Inglewood community regarding the demolition of the old ambulance station, and the lodging of their petition as a means to seek action from the government to possibly repurpose the site.

Earlier this year, the Department of Health consulted with Ambulance Victoria and the Victorian Health Building Authority regarding the old ambulance station. I am advised the outcome of those consultations are that the old ambulance station be demolished, as required by engineering and other requirements approved to permit and enable construction of the new station.

Following this, the Department of Health met with Mr Dallas Coghill, Inglewood and Districts Health Service Chief Executive Officer, to provide an update and discuss the outcome of the consultations with Ambulance Victoria and the Victorian Health Building Authority. I am advised that Inglewood's new ambulance station became operational this year, providing our hardworking paramedics with the facilities they need to keep the local community safe.

I also understand that demolition of the old ambulance station began on 25 September and is now complete. I hope this information has been of assistance to the local Inglewood community.

Yours sincerely

The Hon Mary-Anne Thomas MP

29,10,2023

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