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Dear Dr Finn,

Thank you for your email to Industrial Relations Minister Grace Grace for the Palaszczuk Government's consideration as we finalise our commitments for a second term. I am replying to all stakeholders on behalf of the government.

As you know, it was the Palaszczuk Government that restored collective bargaining for all public sector workers, including Medical Officers. This came after a tumultuous term of the Newman-Nicholls Government that went to war with your members when they attempted to force Medical Officers onto unfair contracts.

I confirm that the Palaszczuk Government's commitment in a second term mirrors that of our first term, including our:

- commitment to collective bargaining for the next round of the Medical Officers Certified Agreement negotiations for the Australian Salaried Medical Officers' Federal Queensland (ASMOFQ) members; and
- commitment to the current provisions which support union membership and the right to become a union member.

The Palaszczuk Government greatly respects the work of our Medical Officers and know what a critical role you play in enhancing the health of Queenslanders. This is proven by our record health budgets and our restoration of the savage cuts to doctors during the Newman-Nicholls Government.

Since our election in 2015, the Palaszczuk Government has employed more than 1,600 extra doctors after Tim Nicholls cut more than 50 in just his first 21 months as Treasurer.

The choice is stark on 25 November – a government that supports and respects the rights of Medical Officers and invests in new doctors and science-based health policy, or a chaotic LNP minority government with One Nation, led by a man who sacked doctors and will have to deal with a party that supports the anti-vaccination movement.

I encourage you and your member to consider our [health policies online](https://annastaciapalaszczuk.com.au/) (<https://annastaciapalaszczuk.com.au/>) noting we have already announced:

- Record health funding that is 21.5% higher than the LNP
- \$154 million for a specialist outpatient strategy
- \$679 million to refurbish the Logan, Caboolture and Ipswich hospitals
- Continuing to expand and refurbish hospitals and health facilities at Atherton, Blackall, Cairns, Kingaroy and Nambour



- Refurbishing the accommodation lodges for regional cancer patients in Townsville and Herston Brisbane in partnership with the Cancer Council Queensland
- Finalising business cases for refurbished or new hospitals in Bundaberg and Toowoomba.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and I encourage you to communicate the clear choice to your members.

Sincerely,



JACKIE TRAD MP
DEPUTY PREMIER
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