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## Briefing Note for Speech

Requested by: Minister's office

Date requested: 9 December 2013

Action required by: 12 December 2013

### SUBJECT: Announcement of name of the new children's hospital

#### Event

- Announcement of the name of the new children's hospital at 10.30am, Sunday, 15 December 2013
- Your role at this event is to give an address to event guests, following the announcement of the hospital name by the Premier.

#### Blueprint

How does this align with the *Blueprint for Better Healthcare in Queensland*?

- Aligns with better care for Queensland kids

#### Background

- The Health Infrastructure Branch is responsible for the delivery of the new children's hospital to Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service in late 2014.
- The hospital is on track to open its doors in late 2014. It will merge the staff and services of the Royal Children's Hospital and Mater Children's Hospital in one purpose-built and family-friendly facility.
- In the absence of an official name for the hospital, the building has been known as the Queensland Children's Hospital.
- Following the announcement of the name of the hospital by the Premier on 15 December 2013, the hospital will be officially named the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital in honour of the late Dr Phyllis Cilento, a Queensland-based paediatrician, journalist and advocate of children's and women's health.
- Prior to the official function to reveal the name of the hospital, the Premier and Minister for Health will take a brief tour of the new children's hospital.
- The unveiling of the hospital name will occur in the refurbished Old Bank of New South Wales building (corner of Stanley and Vulture streets), which will be the future home of the hospital's charitable Foundation (Children's Hospital Foundation).
- The new hospital will be the centre of a network of care for children from all over the state, supporting and strengthening paediatric services in Queensland

#### Financial

- The new children's hospital is the centrepiece of a \$1.5 billion program of works to improve children's health in Queensland.

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### Talking points

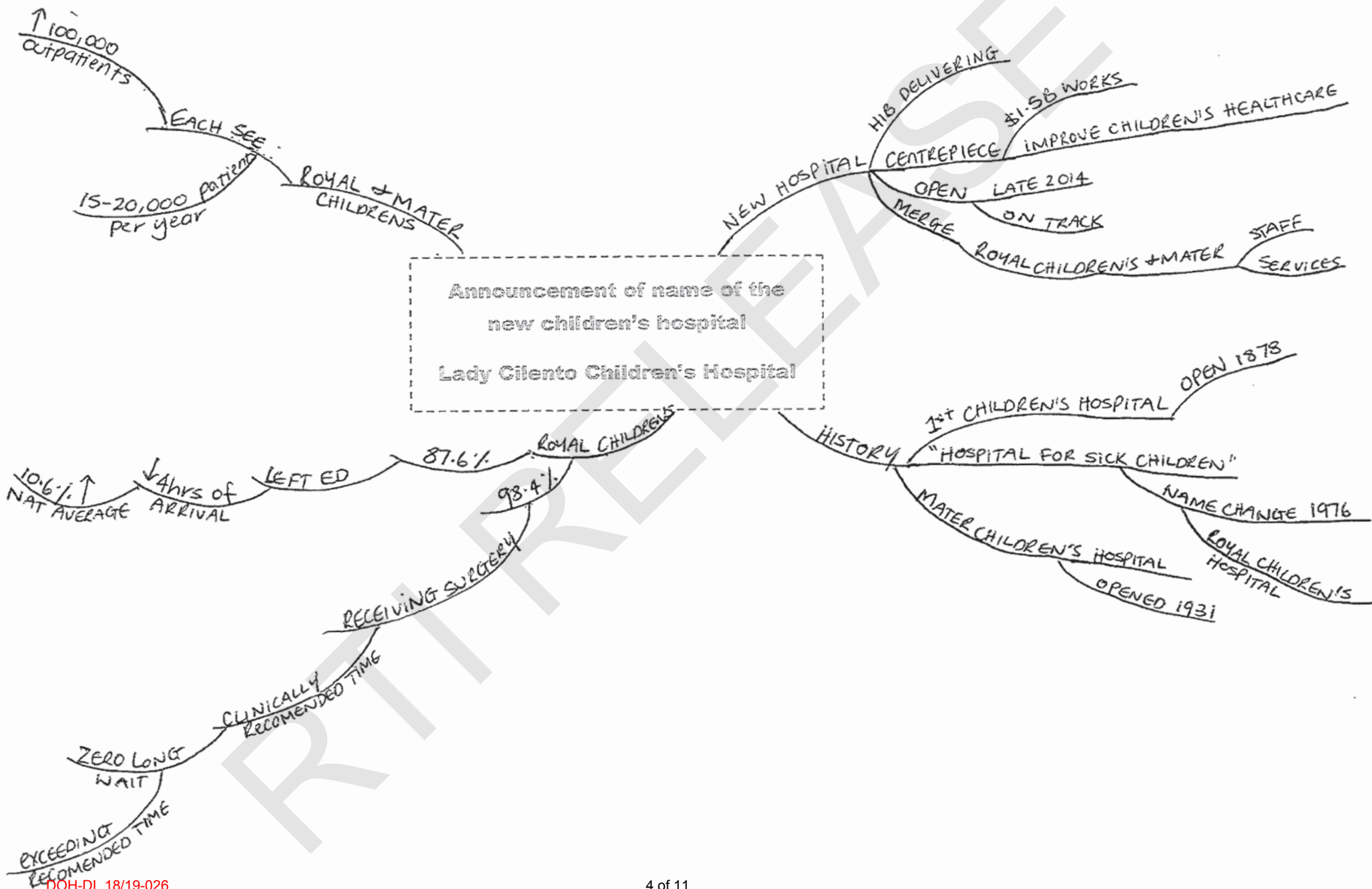
- The last time I was here was in March when we celebrated the completion of the building's external structure, and even from the outside I can see how much more work has been done since then. I'm sure they are well on track for their official opening next year, which will be an exciting occasion indeed.
- This new children's hospital is a remarkable milestone in the delivery of children's health services in this State.
- Brisbane's first Hospital for Sick Children was opened in 1878, and established "for the purpose of affording relief to such children as the Committee shall deem fit subjects for in-door and out-door relief".
- In 1931 there was the addition of the Mater Children's Hospital, and in 1967 the Royal Children's Hospital announced its new name.
- Fast forward to 2014, and Brisbane will have the largest and most advanced children's hospital in the country.
- The Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Board is responsible for delivering and managing this vitally important service, which is Queensland's only statewide Hospital and Health Service.
- It provides general paediatric health services to children and young people in Brisbane, as well as tertiary paediatric services to the entire state and parts of Northern New South Wales.
- Despite this huge responsibility, the Board and clinicians have made many remarkable achievements in the last 18 months.
- Namely, 87.6% of patients left the Royal Children's Hospital's Emergency Department within four hours of their arrival – which is 10.6 percentage points higher than the nationally set benchmark.
- Children's Health has also achieved 98.4% of patients receiving their surgery within the clinically recommended time, with zero long-wait patients exceeding the recommended timeframes for surgery.
- What is exciting to think about is how much Children's Health Queensland will be able to achieve, when the culture, capability and expertise of both the Royal Children's and Mater Children's hospital are combined.
- Two internationally recognised institutions seeing 15-20,000 patients each year and more than 100,000 in the outpatients department, will surely achieve great things, particularly with the ongoing kindness of the community and the work of the children's hospital foundation.
- This new hospital and its supporting statewide network will improve the delivery of children's health services across Queensland, signalling a new era for children's health care.

### Attachments

Attachment – Mind Map (provided by MCM)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated [REDACTED] in relation to the naming of the children's hospital currently under construction in South Brisbane.

I very much appreciate you taking the time to suggest that the Government consider naming the hospital in honour of a [REDACTED]

I am pleased to advise that the new facility has been named the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital in recognition of a much-cherished and honoured Queensland physician.

On Sunday 15 December 2013, the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier announced the name of the hospital at a ceremony attended by the Cilento family. In choosing a name for the new children's hospital, the Government wished to recognise a pioneering champion of child and family health, someone whose life's work made a real difference to future generations.

Lady Cilento's long and dedicated career in Queensland spanned some 50 years and many of her ideas were decades ahead of their time. She received many awards for her work during her lifetime and with an outstanding career and trailblazing ideas, the decision to name the hospital in Lady Cilento's honour is a fitting tribute to her life's work.

In preserving such an important link to the state's medical past, the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital has a firm foundation for what will be an exceptional future for paediatric health care in Queensland.

I thank you for your interest in the naming of this hospital.

Yours sincerely

**LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP**  
**Minister for Health**

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated [REDACTED] in relation to the naming of the children's hospital currently under construction in South Brisbane. The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Minister for Health, has asked that I respond on his behalf and I apologise for the delay.

I appreciate you taking the time to suggest that the Government consider naming the Hospital in honour of [REDACTED]

The Government values Queenslanders' commitment to the health and safety of children. On 15 December 2013, the new children's hospital was formally named the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital to honour the late Phyllis Cilento. Lady Cilento was a Queensland-based physician who was dedicated to women's and children's health.

Lady Cilento's career spanned more than 50 years and included practice at the Hospital for sick children in Herston (now the Royal Children's Hospital), work in general and obstetric practice, medical journalist, author and public advocate for maternal and child health. Lady Cilento has left a lasting legacy to this State through her advocacy for natural childbirth, family planning and having fathers present at the birth of their children. Although at the time her ideas were considered unorthodox by some members of the medical fraternity, others saw her as a woman, mother and clinician well ahead of her time.

Many honours were bestowed on Lady Cilento during her lifetime, among them the first Queensland Mother of the Year (1974), the first Queensland of the Year (1981), Fellow of the International Academic of preventive medicine (1978) and life membership of the Australian Medical Association (1980).

By naming this new children's hospital after Lady Cilento, the Government has preserved important links with the past and will go forward with a strong foundation for the future health and wellbeing of generations of Queensland children, young people and their families.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Ms Fiona Brewin-Brown, Executive Director, Lady Cilento Children's Hospital project team, Department of Health, on telephone [REDACTED] to be available to assist you.

Thank you for your interest in the new hospital.

Yours sincerely

**MARK WOOD**  
**Acting Chief of Staff to the Minister for Health**

Dear David and Eileen (Dr David Cilento and his wife Eileen) and ? family

It has been almost six months since we met at the announcement of the name of the new children's hospital in honour of Lady Cilento. A lot has happened on the hospital site since then and, as promised, I thought it timely to write to you with an update of how work is progressing both on site and in the planning for the opening of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital later this year.

This weekend (30 May to June 2) will see installation of the name Lady Cilento Children's Hospital on the east and west facades of the very top of the building. The name will be clearly visible in the South Brisbane skyline and marks another milestone for the project.

It is also expected that in the coming days new perimeter signage will be installed on temporary fencing around the site displaying a fresh namestyle and a supporting 'paperchain' graphic. This new look for the name of the hospital is a precursor to the launch of a new brand for the hospital and Children's Health Queensland Hospital and Health Service, which will take place in the coming months.

From a construction perspective, internal fit-out of all 12 levels of the hospital is well under way. Lower levels of the building are now undergoing inspection, cleaning and being locked down - this will progress quickly as we move towards practical completion - when the building is handed over to Queensland Health from Lend Lease.

Work continues on the plaza in Graham St - will be complete early June - a total of six mature fig trees have now been installed - two in the hospital forecourt and four in the plaza adjacent to Somerville House's Chambers building.

Gifting of land to RMH - mid-June

Planting of gardens - 60,000 plants almost all planted, outdoor spaces taking shape, building looking more and more green

Artwork - during June another major piece of artwork will be installed in Branch C and Indigenous artwork in three spots - two in Raymond Terrace and one in the Meeting Place

Not sure about what the family were offered - but we will could invite them to the staff open day on Oct 5 or public open day Oct 12.





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Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your email dated [redacted] in relation to the naming of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital, s.73

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I very much appreciate you taking the time to write to me. The Queensland Government named the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital to honour an outstanding Queensland physician who made a lasting contribution to the health and wellbeing of Queensland children.

Lady Cilento's achievements set firm foundations for maternal and child health in this State. I have enclosed a copy of the Hospital brochure which includes a biography of Lady Cilento's achievements.

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Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



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