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Minister for Environment

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Sent via email

Dear Minister

### **New Hospital Inquiry**

Further to our conversation of last week, I notified you that I intended to write regarding the above.

I understand that you received the inspector's report on or about the 10 December 2018.

As you know, the States are to debate whether or not to rescind their decision to build the new hospital on the preferred site. A proposition, from the Chief Minister, is shortly to be lodged and the matter will be debated in February.

It is essential for all States Members to be informed to the fullest extent of material relevant to the decision well before that time.

Accordingly, the purpose of this letter is to enquire of you by which date in January you anticipate making your decision under Article 19 of the Law, having regard to the public enquiry you have commissioned under Article 12. As you know, it is your decision and yours alone as to how you wish to determine the application. You are not bound by the contents of the report but it is a matter that you will take into account.

Please could you provide the date in January by which you now anticipate making a decision in this case.

If you are unable to make a decision sufficiently far ahead (by which I mean approximately two weeks) of the States debate then it would be helpful if you would consider both explaining why and also in the interim publishing the Inspector's Report. I know that Article 19 of the Planning and Building (Public Enquiries) (Jersey) Order suggests that generally the report will accompany your decision, but I also understand that you, as the Minister, nonetheless have a discretion to publish the report prior to making your decision if you so wish. That may be a discretion you wish to exercise in the public interest in this specific case if, for any reason, you are unable to make a decision by a date in mid-January.

I would be very happy to discuss that matter further with you and the Attorney General should you feel that is appropriate.

In the event I look forward to hearing from you early in the new year as to your intentions.

Kind regards



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