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To whom it may concern,

Response to 'Your Health, Your Future' consultation

I am writing in response to the 'Your Health, Your Future' consultation on the future of health care services in the Hywel Dda Health Board area.

As the Assembly Member for Llanelli, my response will naturally reflect the views of constituents who have made representations to me on the services they have received and their views on how the LHB describes service provision in the future, as well as my own conclusions from reading the consultation document and technical supporting evidence.

- **Community Services and Primary Care**

I have received several representations from local residents of the Gwnedraeth Valley who are strongly opposed to the closure of the Mynydd Mawr.

I am aware of the benefits of bringing dementia care into one location where diagnostics could also be carried out thus reducing the need for patient transport. Prince Philip Hospital already has established public transport links with the communities which it serves.

However, I am concerned at the loss of any bedded facility within a community setting. I would expect the Local Health Board continues discussion with patients, staff, the Community Health Council and other interested parties to ensure that any alternative location offers at minimum equivalent care and ultimately improved facilities for patients locally and from the wider community.

The intention to provide new community and primary care services based at Cross Hands is to be welcomed. I have sought clarification from the Local Health Board on how the development of this service may be impacted by the recent 'call-in' of the planning application for the new supermarket at Cross Hands. I understand the new health centre is part of that application.

- **Women's and Children Services**

Whilst Prince Philip Hospital does not provide in-patient care as defined by the consultation document, I would urge that should the Health Board proposed option of Glangwili Hospital becomes

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