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Dear Mr Taylor

NZ Pathology system update

Thank you for your correspondence of 6 October 2025 providing an update on New Zealand's pathology sector. I appreciate you taking the time to write. It is good to hear from you again, and I welcome your support for the Government's ongoing work to enhance and transform healthcare delivery across New Zealand.

I'd like to once again acknowledge your outstanding contribution to New Zealand's health system and to congratulate you on being awarded life membership with the New Zealand Institute of Medical Laboratory Science in August 2025. This is a well-deserved recognition of your dedication, expertise, and lasting impact on the pathology services field.

I am pleased to hear that you support the establishment of the National Pathology Clinical Group. Setting up this group is a significant and positive step for pathology services. It will offer strong clinical leadership, guidance, and advice to Health New Zealand (Health NZ), helping them make well-informed decisions about the future of these vital and valued services. Both the Government and Health NZ understand the importance of service sustainability, and this will be a key factor driving investment decisions.

Thank you for sharing your paper, *"What does good structural governance look like for future pathology service provision in New Zealand?"* I have forwarded this to Health NZ and asked them to consider its insights. I can assure you that Health NZ will take your views into account as they determine the best approach for pathology services in New Zealand.

Thank you once again for reaching out and sharing your perspectives on enhancing pathology services. I wish you all the best.

Yours sincerely

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Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Health