



Speech by  
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## **ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OPHTHALMOLOGY CLINIC**

**Ms GRACE** (Brisbane Central—ALP) (11.54 am): I cannot express how excited I was to open the newly renovated Royal Children's Hospital ophthalmology clinic on Friday, 27 August. I was joined by Dr Peter Steer, the CEO of children's health services, Linda Hardy, the chief operating officer of the RCH, and of course the clinic's new director, Dr Glen Gole. I was pleased to be there to open the specialist ophthalmology clinic, a new eye clinic for children in Brisbane and Queensland.

The clinic was established to meet increasing demand for highly specialised children's ophthalmology services. Indeed, the future looks brighter for Queensland children with rare and serious eye conditions. I believe this is a vital step forward for paediatric ophthalmology in Queensland and Queensland doctors are leading the way in this very important paediatric area. This demonstrates the Bligh government's commitment to expanding children's health services across the state. The new and improved consultation rooms, which are well designed with state-of-the-art equipment, are definitely going to provide much needed ophthalmology services in Brisbane and Queensland.

Lastly, I acknowledge the great contribution of the new director of this eye clinic, Dr Glen Gole. I have known Dr Gole for over 14 years, as my daughter is one of his clients. I cannot talk highly enough about how lucky we are in Queensland Health to have a man of his calibre head this area. Dr Gole's dedication, hard work, commitment and absolute expertise in the area of paediatric ophthalmology is second to none in Australia. For the past 20 years he has made children's health services available in Queensland. I thank all of the hardworking staff and nurses of the eye clinic. It was great to meet the parents and child clients of Dr Gole who were also present on the morning, as well as the other distinguished guests. This is a fantastic new eye clinic.