



Speech by

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## **BEAUDESERT HOSPITAL, MATERNITY SERVICES; BROMELTON STATE DEVELOPMENT AREA**

**Mr KRAUSE** (Beaudesert—LNP) (3.28 pm): It was said in June this year, when the health minister announced the restoration of maternity services at Beaudesert Hospital from July 2014, that there would be dancing in the streets of Beaudesert. I am not sure that there has been dancing yet, but yesterday for the first time in many years Beaudesert Hospital welcomed a newborn, who was born at Logan Hospital early yesterday, and its proud parents. A few short hours later the little one and mum were settling into Beaudesert Hospital. For the first time in many years mums and bubs from the Beaudesert community who meet the criteria for transfer to Beaudesert Hospital can now receive their postnatal care at Beaudesert Hospital. This is a significant step towards the recommencement of full maternity services in Beaudesert by July 2014, as announced by the health minister earlier year this year.

On Monday afternoon I was privileged to unveil a mural created by the Mununjali community to commemorate the return of newborn babies to Beaudesert Hospital. I thank the entire community, but in particular the Mununjali community, for their support and enthusiasm as this LNP government and the Metro South Hospital and Health Board work towards restoring services to Beaudesert Hospital. I said on Monday that it had been far too long since the sound of crying babies had been heard at Beaudesert Hospital. Now they are and I am glad that the minister and this LNP government have been able to make that happen. Work is well underway within the health and hospital service for the restoration of maternity services and a steering committee composed of doctors, midwives, Queensland Health representatives and the Rural Doctors Association among others is already working hard to ensure that the right people are in the right place as we head towards July 2014. I thank all parties for their work and support so far.

In a short time—perhaps as early as tomorrow—the development plan for the Bromelton State Development Area will be gazetted and the state's planning instruments for this area will take effect. I take this opportunity to highlight the efficiency with which this process has been completed since the LNP assumed government. The hold-ups and delays, the interdepartmental paper shuffling and the incessant and continuous delays in input from various departments—all the things that were hallmarks of the hindrance of business and private sector investment of the former Labor government—have been put to the side. We in the Beaudesert electorate now have a large state development area that is ready to go, with large private sector investors looking to subdivide allotments and bring investment, jobs, facilities and infrastructure to Beaudesert. There remains work to do—installing utilities and upgrading road infrastructure—and I have met with the Minister for Transport and Main Roads just this week to tell him that Beaudesert needs a town bypass to support this estate. The government will need to work with the council as well to bring about these works, but the gazettal of this state development plan for Bromelton is a mark of the government's commitment to the economic development of the region. It is a big step forward. I take this opportunity to give credit to Minister Seeney for working with me and all the stakeholders to finalise the development plan in such an expeditious manner.