



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redcliffe Electorate, Newman Government

 **Mrs D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (6.15 pm): I rise to speak about the issues facing the people of Redcliffe and the failure of the Newman government to listen. It has been six months since the Redcliffe by-election, that is, six months since Campbell Newman said that he has heard the message and will be listening to Redcliffe more. In response to a question in question time this week on the Moreton Bay Regional Council draft planning scheme, the Premier said, 'I am not aware that the member for Redcliffe has even corresponded with me on this matter.' The Deputy Premier then interjected, stating, 'Me neither.' The Premier then went on to say, 'The Deputy Premier also seems to be unsure whether he has received any correspondence.' For the benefit of the parliament and the Deputy Premier, I table my letters forwarded by email to the Deputy Premier on 13 and 20 August. I also table the acknowledgments of receipt from the Deputy Premier's office dated 13 and 20 August 2014.

*Tabled paper:* Letter, dated 13 August 2014, from the member for Redcliffe, Mrs Yvette D'Ath MP, to the Deputy Premier, Hon. Jeff Seeney, regarding Draft Moreton Bay Regional Planning Scheme [\[5801\]](#).

*Tabled paper:* Email, dated 13 August 2014, from the Office of the Deputy Premier acknowledging email received [\[5802\]](#).

*Tabled paper:* Letter, dated 20 August 2014, from the member for Redcliffe, Mrs Yvette D'Ath MP, to the Deputy Premier, Hon. Jeff Seeney, regarding Draft Moreton Bay Regional Planning Scheme [\[5803\]](#).

*Tabled paper:* Email, dated 20 August 2014, from the Office of the Deputy Premier acknowledging email received [\[5804\]](#).

My message to the Newman government is clear: every time they ignore me, they are sending a clear message to the people of Redcliffe that they are still not listening, that they are not willing to accept the decision of the people of Redcliffe who elected me as their member to represent them in this place. That is a sign of a very arrogant government. The Deputy Premier should urgently respond to my letters written on behalf of the residents of Redcliffe and the broader Moreton Bay region and commit to requiring further consultation on the Moreton Bay Regional Council's draft planning scheme.

Another important issue to the people of Redcliffe and those across the Moreton Bay region is a say on de-amalgamation. The Newman government made promises to give residents a say. Its former LNP member promised the people of Redcliffe a say. Scott Driscoll claimed to circulate through the electorate a petition, tabling that petition in August 2012 with 191 petitioners' signatures. Due to the absolute failure, and many locals believe the deliberate failure, of Scott Driscoll to properly circulate the petition, he failed to get the required signatures. It became very clear that few people actually saw the petition. The residents then had to take the matter into their own hands, which resulted in a petition being tabled on 1 May 2013 with 11,633 petitioners and another 12,062 signatures in supporting the submission.

As much as the Newman government likes to put all the blame on the former member for Redcliffe, the fact is that the LNP government sat by while Scott Driscoll neglected Redcliffe. On this matter the LNP was very aware of the views of the people of Redcliffe and residents from across the Moreton Bay region. The Newman government was complicit in Scott Driscoll's failure to give

residents a say on de-amalgamation. For this reason, it is time that the Newman government acknowledges that it has failed not just the people of Redcliffe but also the people of Caboolture and many other residents across the Moreton Bay region. The Newman government should step up and finally commit to allowing the residents a say—

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