



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Australian Labor Party**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (1.48 am): I rise tonight to support an important announcement made yesterday by the federal member for Rankin, Jim Chalmers MP, and the Australian Labor Party candidate for Forde, Des Hardman. Yesterday Jim Chalmers and Des Hardman announced that a Shorten federal Labor government would fund a \$10 million refurbishment of Logan Hospital's maternity and special care services facilities. Logan Hospital has a high demand for birthing services. The birth rate per capita in Logan is almost 20 per cent higher than the rest of the state, with 3,500 births at that hospital in 2014. A Shorten federal Labor government will ensure maternity related facilities at Logan Hospital are refurbished over two years. This announcement also demonstrates the importance that the Australian Labor Party places on health and health care.

Des Hardman has a strong interest in health care. He is employed at Logan Hospital. I know Des and I know he would make a fantastic federal member for Forde and a great champion for his community. Jim Chalmers has proved to be an outstanding hardworking local member of parliament. I know how hard Jim works in the community, having had the pleasure of working with him since my election as the state member for Woodridge in January last year. He is genuinely committed to improving the lives of the people of Rankin.

The people of Rankin, the boundaries of which encompass the state electorate of Woodridge, have a very clear choice available to them on 2 July. They can vote for Jim Chalmers, a passionate advocate for our community, someone who has a proven track record of success at the highest level. Jim is currently the federal shadow minister for financial services and superannuation, productivity and sport and would make a great contribution as a minister in a federal Labor government.

Alternatively, they can vote for an LNP candidate who previously served in this parliament as a member of the Newman LNP government. A candidate who was one of the strongest supporters of Campbell Newman's cuts to jobs and services, particularly to health care. She uttered not one word of protest against Campbell Newman's jobs cutting and cuts to services including to health care.

On 2 July the electors of Rankin have a clear choice. They can vote to save Medicare, vote to keep the cost of prescriptions down, vote for a better deal for Queensland public hospitals and vote for better maternity services at Logan Hospital. The only way they can do that is to vote for Jim Chalmers and Labor in Rankin in the federal election on Saturday, 2 July.