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APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL; APPROPRIATION BILL; DUTIES AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (7.51 pm): Today I rise to speak in support of the budget delivered by the honourable the Treasurer, Curtis Pitt. I congratulate the Treasurer, the Premier and all the ministers responsible for this sensible and responsible budget. It is a great budget for Queensland and for my electorate of Lytton. This great Labor budget is responding to the needs of Queenslanders, setting out a clear economic plan, growing innovation, attracting investment and building infrastructure. It responds to the needs of all Queenslanders and all baysiders, from the young through to the elderly, as well as the unemployed, the disadvantaged, business and industry.

The great news for Lytton baysiders is that this budget makes a \$12.7 million commitment to our health needs. In the 2015 election, baysiders made it very clear that they wanted a state-of-the-art modern health facility. I am delighted that the budget will ensure that the new community health centre will deliver essential and, might I add, public health services to the bayside. The new facility will expand existing services and include specialist outpatient services, an expanded oral health service and chronic disease clinic, a mental health service and a rehabilitation gym. It will double the hours of BreastScreen Queensland and will see the introduction of telehealth services. It will also see the reinstatement of a 24-hour acute primary care service and maintain all the palliative care and rehabilitation services.

This budget ensures that important public health services will remain in the bayside. Our government is unlike the previous LNP government, which ripped out front-line services not only in the bayside but also across the state. The budget allocates funding for planning the relocation of the Wynnum Ambulance Station so that it can share those new facilities. These are truly outstanding outcomes for the bayside and I am looking forward to the sod turning and getting the ball rolling. Importantly, I am looking forward to the return to the bayside of 24-hour primary care, as well as improved and returned services, in a purpose-built centre that will grow with our community, delivering on important election commitments.

Under this budget our local schools will also benefit, with funding allocated to Brisbane Bayside State School for an upgrade to the current dining room and general learning area, turning the area into a restaurant to facilitate the expansion of the certificate III hospitality course, allowing the college to give students a real-life experience. This will improve training and prepare students for the workforce, delivering real, current and useable skills. I am looking forward to enjoying the new restaurant. I know how much the school and the students will benefit from that upgrade. A further budget commitment of \$250,000 will allow the refurbishment of classrooms at the lovely Darling Point Special School, providing improved facilities for this important and much-loved local school. That will be of huge benefit to students, teachers and families. The wonderful historical icon that is the Fort Lytton National Park will see an investment of over \$200,000 towards upgrades to the site, which will ensure that this important national park is preserved, maintained and accessible now and into the future.

From next year, public transport fares will be slashed, making it more affordable for Lytton locals to travel on buses, trains and ferries. This major overhaul of public transport costs across South-East Queensland is outstanding and welcome news for the bayside. Baysiders will save money under the new Fairer Fares package, which will deliver real cost-of-living relief to all public transport users in our community. Wynnum, Manly, Lota, Hemmant and parts of Tingalpa are now all in zone 2. That means that passengers can travel on the train from Lota to Hemmant for the cost of travel within one zone. Importantly, it also means that there is a disincentive to drive to Lindum or Hemmant stations for a cheaper fare, which will result in a reduction of parking congestion at those stations and surrounding streets. Pending federal government agency discussions, Queenslanders on the Newstart and Youth Allowance and asylum seekers will be able to access concession fares from early 2017.

This is a budget that helps all Queenslanders and all baysiders. I commend the bills to the House.