



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

**Battle of Long Tan, 50th Anniversary; Lytton Electorate, Health Services**

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.45 pm): I would like to acknowledge Vietnam Veterans Day. This being the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan, I send my regards to the holders of the four commemorative events that are taking place today across my electorate. In particular, I refer to the unveiling of an obelisk at Hemmant Cemetery, which will be dedicated to all who served in Vietnam and in memory of those who gave their lives.

In the past, I have spoken in this place about the stripping of many services in the Lytton electorate by the former LNP government, including important front-line health services and the impact that that had on locals. A quick recap is that, during 2013-14, my community protested against the closure of the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit and the reduction in bayside front-line health services. My community campaigned so hard. Many of them stood up to fight for their community, to fight against these terrible cuts. Unfortunately, their protests fell on deaf ears.

In the 2015 election, baysiders made it clear that they were unhappy with the LNP's disregard for their community and sent a loud message that they deserved better. The Palaszczuk government listened to my community and the Hon. Cameron Dick committed to a new public health service centre to provide front-line services, create jobs and deliver important health services to my community, with an investment of \$13.6 million for the new Wynnum Health Service Centre and \$3.5 million for the new ambulance station, with a total injection of \$17.1 million.

I know how important it is to maintain all of our local health services and that these health services are sustainable and will meet the needs of our communities now and into the future. The new health centre, built to contemporary standards, will deliver an increased range of front-line services. Importantly, it will see the return of the 24-hour primary care clinic as well as a new ambulance station, which will be co-located on the site.

I am really excited about the new health service centre, which will ensure that the health needs of my community are met now and in the future. As I have said already, I look forward to the return of the 24-hour primary care clinic and the increased front-line health services on the bayside. This service centre is another example of the Palaszczuk government delivering on an election commitment and creating jobs.

I would like to talk about the wonderful preventative health forum that I held in my electorate last week that was attended by the Hon. Cameron Dick. At that forum, many representatives of various organisations talked to members of my community about important opportunities for people to engage in preventative health. I thank the minister for attending on that day. The forum was very well received. I am delighted to be hosting an event for dementia awareness in my electorate office tomorrow.