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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.46 pm): Recently the Bayside had occasion for a joyful and important celebration. On 14 October the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk, health minister Cameron Dick, Aunty Merle, Nunukul Yuggera dancers, community leaders and community members gathered together for the ground breaking and sod turning at the Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre Gundu Pa. Gundu Pa is a state-of-the-art contemporary public health centre and is the response the Wynnum Manly community worked for and deserves.

When I stood for election I made a commitment to Baysiders that decent local public health services would be retained in the Bayside, that there would be no job losses and that front-line health services would be retained in the Bayside. The Palaszczuk government has delivered on this commitment—another election commitment.

The Premier has always been a great advocate for the Wynnum-Manly community—right from the start. As leader of the opposition the now Premier, along with the member for Bundamba, Jo-Ann Miller, came along to our rallies to hear just how important retaining local health services was to the Wynnum-Manly community. The Premier had the grace to receive at the gates of Parliament House a shopping trolley full of petitions with over 15,000 signatures from the Wynnum-Manly community. It was no surprise that the Premier joined again with the Wynnum-Manly community to participate in this moving and joyful ceremony.

The Minister for Health, Cameron Dick, has ensured that our health centre will not only retain all existing health services but also deliver new and expanded services to better meet the needs of our growing community. Importantly, there will be no job losses. This important local project will deliver jobs in our community during the construction phase and into the future.

Our community was thrilled that the Premier could come back to where it all began and that the Palaszczuk government is delivering on another election commitment. Baysiders, like all Queenslanders, deserve good quality health services. Unlike those opposite, that is exactly what the Palaszczuk government is delivering. Those opposite sacked people. They closed the Moreton Bay nursing care unit and 85 residents lost their homes, and they cut services where they are needed the most. That is the clear difference between those opposite and the Palaszczuk government. The Palaszczuk government is delivering front-line services and delivering jobs now and into the future.