




Speech By
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Logan Women's Health and Wellbeing Centre

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (11.40 pm): I rise tonight to congratulate a strong and successful organisation in my community, the Logan Women's Health and Wellbeing Centre, on the amazing work they are doing for women in Logan and on their brand-new home in Beenleigh.

I was a proud board member of the Logan Women's Health and Wellbeing Centre before being elected to parliament and have seen them go from strength to strength, offering countless opportunities for women in Logan to live a better, healthier and more connected life. The manager, Stacey Ross, and her team have moved from Springwood—sorry to my good friend the Minister for Housing, Minister de Brenni—into my electorate, at George Street, Beenleigh. This beautiful big new space will be a one-stop shop for women needing assistance, counselling and friendship. The move was made possible by many Logan based businesses and social enterprise group WorkCrew. Local businesses such as Langs Building Supplies, Rosscrete 1, Superior Steel Jimboomba, SB digger hire, Jim's Skip Bins, Kennards Hire Beenleigh, Modern Flooring Xtra, Lighting Direct, Builders Discount Warehouse, Discount Tile Warehouse, Bunnings Underwood and Lendlease all chipped in to make this transition a smooth and affordable one. Lendlease, in particular, have gone above and beyond, planning a community day for 40 of their staff to come and finish the renovations on the new property.

It is so wonderful to see community partnerships working for the benefit of local residents, and this project by Logan women's health I think is the benchmark. The move has also shown the emphasis my community has placed on expanding access to women's support services. Again, as the Minister for Women and a Logan local, this makes me extremely proud. The member for Springwood and I were at the working bee of the new property a few weeks ago. I also place on record my appreciation of him and his support for the organisation over many years. This organisation changes lives. I hear it from people in my community all the time.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Logan women's health on their new social enterprise. A couple of years ago Logan women's started a conversation about developing ideas to become financially sustainable while still being able to focus on providing support to vulnerable women. As a result, BE Enterprise was born. They now provide six different innovative training packages and professional development packages for businesses, all focused on the empowerment of women. All of the profits are reinvested into this wonderful organisation and into other important social projects.

I again congratulate Logan women's health on all the work they are doing to support women in Logan, on helping build a better, healthier and safer Logan and on their new home in Beenleigh. They really are one of the unsung heroes of my community.