



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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## MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

### Health System

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (9.52 am): Since our election in February 2015, the Palaszczuk Labor government has been resolutely focused on delivering on our election commitments. One of those election commitments was to overturn the decision made, when the member for Clayfield was the Treasurer, to close the Wynnum Health Centre, stripping healthcare services from that community. In the 2016-17 budget, we allocated \$13 million towards the construction of a new integrated healthcare centre and I am pleased to inform the House that that centre is close to completion. One of the great and consistent champions for this project has been the member for Lytton. I look forward to attending the opening of that facility with the member for Lytton in the near future.

Another of our critically important election commitments was to establish a commission of inquiry into the LNP government's decision, against advice and with tragic consequences, to close the Barrett Adolescent Centre without a replacement. As members will be aware, we went to the last election with a promise to build a replacement facility and we have delivered. A new facility has now been built on the campus of the Prince Charles Hospital. The Palaszczuk government's 2017-18 budget has allocated \$68 million to that project, along with two new step-up step-down facilities in Brisbane and further refurbishments to mental health facilities at Logan and the Gold Coast.

We are not only keeping our election commitments; we are also delivering more for all Queenslanders. Confronted by the impacts of the rushed opening of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital by the LNP, we also undertook a full review of that project. The LNP are fond of criticising reviews, but those involved in the commissioning of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital were grateful to receive that review and implement its findings in the safe commissioning and opening of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. We learned from those mistakes that were made and we were committed to ensuring they were not repeated. We have funded improvements at Atherton, Alpha, Aramac, Aurukun, Boulia, Bundaberg, Cairns, Caboolture, Caloundra, Cloncurry, Dimbulah, Gladstone, Hervey Bay, Ipswich, Kingaroy, Kowanyama, Logan, Mackay, Mer, Maryborough, McKinlay, Palm Island, Rockhampton, Roma, Sarina and Townsville.

The LNP candidate for Broadwater, David Crisafulli, when he was in the cabinet with the members for Clayfield and Nanango, told the South Burnett community that the people of Kingaroy would only get a new hospital in exchange for selling the Stanwell Power Station.

**Mrs Frecklington** interjected.

**Mr DICK:** I thank the member for Nanango for her strong support of the Labor government's project to rebuild the hospital in Kingaroy. As I have often said in this House, there is no greater friend of health care in the bush than the Australian Labor Party. The Kingaroy Hospital is a perfect example of that. We are delivering budget surpluses and new hospitals for Kingaroy and for Blackall without

selling the family silver. We took a commitment to the people of Queensland to not sell assets and we kept our promise. Our capital program supports 1,200 jobs across Queensland. We are delivering health care for Queenslanders wherever they live in our great state.