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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.36 pm): I would like to begin by acknowledging the 20th anniversary of the *Bringing them home* report. It was great today to see the Noonuccal Yagera dancers who, might I add, were also at the sod turning of Gundu Pa. Gundu Pa is on track, with construction steaming ahead and on schedule. The Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre is on target for completion by October 2017. The \$13.5 million investment in the bayside by the Palaszczuk government is what Labor governments do so well: creating jobs, building important infrastructure and delivering a state-of-the-art public health centre to the bayside community. These public health services are sustainable and tailored to meet the health needs of baysiders now and into the future.

Gundu Pa will see not only the return but also the extension of important health services—services that my community needs. There will be the return of 24-hour primary care with first-class GPs providing important services around the clock in the new primary care centre. BreastScreen will also have extended hours in a modern and purpose-built clinic. Physiotherapy and rehabilitation services will operate from a fabulous new gym, adult and child mental health services will return to the bayside and the dental clinic will be extended to six dental chairs. New outpatient clinics have been designed to specifically meet the needs of our community and will include a range of outpatient clinics including general medicine, respiratory medicine, palliative care, antenatal, obstetrics and paediatrics.

The rehabilitation beds will be offered in the refurbished Casuarina Lodge and there will also be in-home services. Palliative care beds will be offered in a hybrid model providing choice to families involved at this difficult time with either an in-home service or in a community based local organisation partnering with Metro South Health. During construction there has been up to 60 staff on site and, importantly, this workforce has included locals and apprentices. I have had the opportunity to visit the site and I must congratulate Josh, the site manager, and the contractors on site. It is great to see so many local people constructing a facility that will serve our community for years to come.

It is great to be part of the Palaszczuk government, a government that knows how important public health services are to a community, unlike the former Nicholls-Newman government—a government that ignored at their peril the bayside community and the pleas of 15,000 petitioners against the loss of health services in the bayside and the disgraceful closure of Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit. Our Premier, the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP, the then leader of the opposition, joined with me and many other members of the community to show the Newman-Nicholls government our dismay at their total lack of regard for baysiders. Sadly, history shows that these pleas fell on deaf ears. Heartbreakingly, 85 elderly residents of Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit lost their homes and were displaced. This pain still runs deep within the bayside and will not be forgotten.