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MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Gundu Pa

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (12.10 pm): When I stood for election I made a commitment to Baysiders to ensure that decent, local public health services would be retained, there would be no job losses and front-line health services would be retained in the Bayside. Fifty-one weeks ago, just one week short of a year, the Premier, Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk, and the Minister for Health, Hon. Cameron Dick, Auntie Merle and other community leaders gathered together for the ground-breaking and sod-turning ceremony at the site which has now been transformed into Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre, Gundu Pa, a state-of-the-art contemporary public health centre that the Wynnum-Manly community worked for and deserves.

Gundu Pa, or 'medicine stones place', is a purpose-built state-of-the-art facility that will not only secure existing health services but also deliver additional services for the Bayside community, now and into the future. New services will include specialist suites, an expanded dental clinic, a mental health service, more allied health services and extended operating hours for BreastScreen. The Bayside made it clear that we wanted seven-day-a-week primary health care, and this was reinstated at our new health centre. The 24-hour primary care centre will deliver appropriate medical care for people with minor injuries and illnesses, providing a 24-hour safety net for our community.

The gymnasium, consulting rooms and therapy room will provide speech pathology and physiotherapy, with specialist clinics for lymphedema and musculoskeletal injuries. The BreastScreen service at the new centre will offer extended operational hours, an examination room and a separate waiting area in a much more comfortable environment for its patients.

Children's Health Queensland services are also closer than ever through the collection of clinics for the Wynnum-Manly community. Clinics will include a gymnasium as well as consulting rooms for occupational therapy, physiotherapy, social work, speech pathology, dietetics and psychology. Chronic disease clinics will include respiratory, heart failure, cardiac, pulmonary rehabilitation, diabetes, psychology, dietitian, social worker and physiotherapy. The new rehabilitation gym and consulting rooms will be perfect to target chronic disease management for the 66 per cent of the Wynnum-Manly population aged 15 to 65 years, when chronic disease may first present itself.

Expanded addiction and mental health services will provide comprehensive care including child and youth therapy, rehabilitation, mood and addiction and drug clinics. Oral health services will increase, from three to six dental chairs, and will include equipment which gives a wide view X-ray of the lower face.

What a stark contrast to the Nicholls-Newman era. Under their government we Baysiders were punished and we lost so many of our local important front-line health services, including the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit, which was closed. I have spoken many times of this shameful action—an action that meant 85 elderly residents lost their home. I will continue to remind Queenslanders of the actions

of the previous LNP government. Sadly, those attacks were on some of the most marginalised in my community—the elderly, families and young people. The architect of those cuts sits in this House and is none other than the current Leader of the Opposition, the member for Clayfield. The previous LNP government picked on what it thought were easy targets. However, we Baysiders are not easy targets. We sent a strong message in 2015. We made it clear that we would not stand for the disgraceful axing of our local services and the total lack of regard for our community.

The great news for Baysiders is that the Palaszczuk government is a government that listens. This government has listened and has delivered for the Bayside and indeed for all of Queensland. Our Palaszczuk government is committed to creating jobs, building important infrastructure, growing the economy and returning important local front-line services—unlike the mantra of those opposite of ‘cut, sack, sell’. The Palaszczuk government has delivered across the state, boosting our state exports by 56 per cent, up to nearly \$70 billion. This has contributed to 115,400 newly created jobs.

For the 72,000 people who live in the Bayside, Gundu Pa, our new centre, will be a hub close to home providing a wealth of services to keep us active in the community, independent at home and out of hospital so that we can focus on living our healthiest lives. Since coming to office the Palaszczuk government has put Queenslanders first, and we will continue to do so.