

Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Logan Community Health Action Plan**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (6.22 pm): This evening I am delighted to rise in the House as the member for Woodridge to update the House on progress being made in my community and the City of Logan under the Logan Community Health Action Plan. In May 2017, as the then minister for health and ambulance services it was my great honour to launch the Logan Community Health Action Plan, or CHAP, following a \$10 million funding allocation from the Palaszczuk Labor government. I am pleased to report to the House that the CHAP is already delivering real and meaningful improvements to the health of Logan residents.

Three community based midwifery hubs have been established: at the Access Gateway in Logan Central, the Browns Plains Early Learning Centre and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service in Waterford West. Nine midwives and one midwifery unit manager have been appointed to deliver the best quality health care to Logan mums and bubs. Those services have been restored to our community following the cuts of the Newman LNP government.

The Lift the Lip program focuses on dental health and is another success. I am pleased to report to the House that, as at December 2017, 2,442 infants have been assessed for oral health services. Another aspect of Lift the Lip is Healthy Mouth Day. In 2017, 8,836 Logan children received individual oral health lessons in their classrooms, including a tooth-brushing lesson and application of fluoride varnish, and they were given a take-home pack containing a free toothbrush and toothpaste and printed advice on their oral health needs.

We are supporting our refugee community in Woodridge. Logan City has one of the highest rates of refugee settlement in the country. In October last year, I was delighted to launch the Multicultural Health Day at Hope Centre in Slacks Creek.

I am very pleased that the Logan CHAP has also delivered an adolescent and young adult drug and alcohol detoxification program to our community. The Logan Adolescent Drug Dependencies Response Service, known as LADDERS, caters for referrals of adolescents and young people aged 12 to 25 years. Thanks to the Logan CHAP, the building that houses that service was refurbished in 2017 to ensure it is fit for purpose for that project. I am pleased to say that services commenced on 22 January 2018.

However, the truth is that we cannot continue those services in our state unless the federal government pays its fair share. Unless the Turnbull government pays its fair share and does not cut funding to health, but actually funds our health services for services already provided, it is compromising the health care of citizens of our state. For the people of Woodridge, I make this pledge: I will continue

to fight for health care for our community. They have been good enough to elect me to this parliament and I have served in a ministerial capacity because of that. The health needs of our community are critical and that is why we developed the CHAP. I will continue to fight for them, to make sure that our government provides its fair share and, just as importantly, the Turnbull coalition government provides its fair share to the electorate of Woodridge and the City of Logan.