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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.22 pm): I have spoken often in this place about the Newman government's disregard for the bayside and the shameful slashing of services that occurred during their term. During 2012-13 our community protested against the closure of the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit and the reduction of our bayside front-line health services. Our community fought so hard and campaigned. So many of us stood up to fight against these terrible, shameful cuts. These protests fell on deaf ears.

In the 2015 election, baysiders made it clear that they were really unhappy with the LNP's disregard for our community and their very loud message was that we deserved better—in fact, all of Queensland deserved better. I am delighted to say that in October 2017 Gundu Pa, our \$13 million public health service, opened, reinstating all of the services that the LNP government tore out of our community. We have seen 24-hour primary care and other sustainable health services which are so important to the health of our community reinstated. Subacute and palliative care beds which were previously at the old Lota site are now fully operational and are providing outstanding care to baysiders. I recently had a chance to visit.

Pandanus ward has eight general in-facility subacute beds and there are an additional six beds which are available to people in their own homes through Metro South Health's Hospital in the Home, a service new to the area. Camelia, the new palliative care unit at Blue Care Wynnum Aged Care Facility on Sibley Road, has been opened with specialist care being provided by Metro South Health clinicians. In-home services are also available and are being delivered by St Vincent's.

I recently had the opportunity to chat to Robert Smith, who is benefiting from a sunny room in Pandanus, and Elsie, who is enjoying Camelia, which is the new palliative care service. Both my parents were cared for beautifully by our local palliative care services so I know how important these services are to a community. I am so excited about Gundu Pa, Pandanus and Camelia as well as the many health services now available locally. This will ensure our community's health needs are met now and into the future. This is another great example of the Palaszczuk government delivering important infrastructure services to not only my community but all communities across Queensland.