



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR LYTTON**

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**ADDRESS-IN-REPLY**

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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (4.17 pm), continuing: Cross River Rail will not only ease congestion and remove choke points but also deliver South-East Queensland's first turn-up-and-go frequency rail service across the region, taking 18,000 cars off the road every single day. It is expected to reduce travel times on the Cleveland line by up to 15 minutes. We have also made good on our promise to keep electricity assets in public hands, protecting Queenslanders from massive price rises such as the crippling 43 per cent increase experienced under the Newman government. We continue to secure our clean energy future with approval granted for solar, wind farms and other alternative energy projects, and we are well on track to reaching our commitment to 50 per cent renewables by 2030 and our commitment to achieving zero net emissions by 2050. We are doing our part to combat climate change.

We have achieved a stronger budget and we are bolstering front-line services with an additional 2,390 nurses in Queensland hospitals. We have also introduced nurse-to-patient ratios to ensure that patients get the care they need and deserve. We have provided an extra 940 teachers and teacher aides in our schools to reduce class sizes for children. We are improving public safety with an extra 300 police officers and stronger anti-terrorism laws. We are also in the midst of a huge recruitment drive for Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.

We have provided additional support for victims of domestic and family violence by adopting all of the recommendations of the *Not now, not ever* report, we have strengthened our laws and we have provided more support services across the state to protect our communities. We have implemented landmark social reforms, particularly for the LGBTI community. There is still more work to be done and I look forward to delivering that in this term of government.

Importantly, we have kept our political system clean by passing the toughest political donation laws in the country. Political parties are now forced to declare who has donated \$1,000 or more. However, we are still waiting for those on the other side to disclose who their political donors are.

When I was first elected in 2015 the people in the bayside wanted to see a government that was prepared to listen to all people and to work together to build strong communities and a vibrant Queensland. I am really proud to be part of a government that has listened. We have delivered important investments which ensure a bright future for all Queenslanders.

The Newman government ripped many services out of our bayside community—24-hour primary care, child safety and the department of housing. Probably the cruellest was the closure of the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit. Our community protested this closure. However, those protests fell on deaf ears and 85 residents lost their homes and were relocated with no regard for their or their family's needs.

Since 2015 I have worked really hard to rebuild our fabulous community. Gundu Pa, which means 'medicine stones place' in Jandai language, opened its doors last year and has restored 24-hour primary care services to the bayside and delivered new and upgraded health services. This health centre will meet the growing needs of our community, providing a centralised, modern public health precinct that

is free, easily accessible and available to all. The rehabilitation beds will remain and are delivered at Jasmine Ward at Casuarina Lodge and palliative care services will also remain in the area. All these services that were going to be taken out of our area are being delivered by the hybrid model in home by St Vincent's and in a facility operated by Blue Care.

Many of our schools have benefited—Wynnum West State School, Darling Point Special School, Brisbane Bayside College and Wynnum State High School. We have all benefitted from the Palaszczuk government's upgrade to facilities. I was proud to see that Wynnum State High School achieved three OP 1s in 2017. Some 50 per cent of the year 12 cohort achieved an OP of 10 or under. This is a wonderful result. I know that with our state government's commitment to prioritising education we can build on those achievements.

Our local science teachers have also been recognised with the Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in Science—Dr Richard Walding from Moreton Bay College in 2015 and Mr Tim Roe from the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre in 2017. The Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre continues to be recognised with many accolades for the fabulous work they do. We are fortunate to have outstanding teaching and support staff in all of our local schools—state, private and Catholic. They all do an outstanding job educating our kids. I thank each and every one of them.

The opening of the Murri Court at Wynnum Magistrates Court has been welcomed by our local Murri elders, our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community, Magistrate Zac Sarra and all court staff.

We have cleaned up the important ecosystem of Wynnum Creek by removing old derelict boats that have been an eyesore for many years. I will continue to work with the community group that meets regularly in my office to ensure the health of all of our local creeks and environment.

In the bayside, Skilling Queenslanders for Work has, since its reintroduction, supported 340 local young people. Some 154 are now employed and 66 are undertaking study or have returned to school. Allow me to put a name to those numbers. Leanne is just one of those 340 young people from my electorate who has been part of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

Leanne is a 22-year-old woman who, from a very early age, was a victim of family and domestic violence. She experienced the suicide of her father, she had difficult family relationships and she began self-harming as a means to cope. Leanne worked hard to manage and she discovered a love of dance and drama and for a while that was her saviour. She attended uni and had a job.

However, sadly on a night just after her 18 birthday, in her own words, her world tumbled down like a house of cards. Leanne was out with her friends and her drink was spiked. She woke up the next morning in a motel room after being raped by three unknown males. Leanne has lost count of the number of times she attempted suicide since that experience and how many times she ran away from hospital. However, she has not forgotten the 15 ECT treatments that she received.

Leanne became homeless and was a vulnerable young woman, alone. She felt there was no-one who cared for her or nowhere to go. However, Leanne found refuge and support, kindness and respect at our wonderful local youth and family service organisation, BABI, and with the Get Set for Work program. She discovered a group of people she could feel safe with and, most importantly, Leanne discovered a future.

Leanne has now returned to university. She is working and she is the 2018 youth member for Lytton. She regularly volunteers in my electorate office. She is also an active member of the Youth Voice Committee and actively supports other young people in our community. I am so proud of this really impressive young woman. Leanne is one young baysider whom Skilling Queenslanders for Work and BABI and their staff have saved.

Thank goodness that the Palaszczuk government has reintroduced this successful program which improves the skills, employment opportunities and social inclusion for people just like Leanne. I am sure that all members have a Leanne in their electorate that they have met. This is a government that does not leave people behind. It recognises that sadly we are not always dealt a great hand in life. With targeted support people can not only lift themselves up but in turn, with those around them, go on to become valuable members of society and make a real contribution.

The Palaszczuk government recognises the importance of employment. Secure, fairly paid jobs are central to the dignity, future and wellbeing of Queenslanders and the Queensland economy. In the Lytton electorate the Port of Brisbane is a vital part of this dynamic. The port is home to around 70 businesses supporting thousands of Queensland jobs. Not only is the Port of Brisbane providing family-friendly employment to local families, it is also an economic enabler for Queensland. The port is a major industrial precinct for everything from oil to cement, from gas to chickpeas and motor vehicles.

In late 2017 the port announced the construction of the \$158 million Brisbane Cruise Ship Terminal. Now the port will be a major player in the South-East Queensland tourism industry. The cruise ship terminal will serve as a catalyst to supercharge growth in our tourism sector and related industries and generate jobs now and into the future.

I was delighted recently to attend with Minister Bailey the opening of the duplication of Port Drive. The port spent \$110 million to upgrade Port Drive well ahead of capacity demand for safety and efficiency. This great investment and commitment to Queensland and the Queensland economy is making sure our capital city port can continue to grow and maintain its competitiveness and productivity.

The manufacturing industry employs 170,000 people across Queensland and in the Lytton electorate contributes to sustained economic growth and the generation of skilled job opportunities for baysiders. Big business is certainly doing its bit, but the heart and soul of the community is the small business owners and operators.

We are a government that is prepared to invest in Queensland, new technologies and new ideas. The bayside is full of just that. We are full of innovative women and men who are busily advancing Queensland, developing new ideas and technology from health equipment to drones, from governance to accounting or systems management, shared and social enterprises. These have all been supported through the Advancing Queensland initiatives.

I am proud of all of our local businesses and recognise their contribution with the bayside business of the month. I must shout out to our Buy Local to Grow Local campaign. We all benefit from supporting local businesses. Small local businesses are the backbone of our community and economy. They are often the first on the job, always ready to make a donation or support a local fete or school or community group. They work long hours to provide a service.

The Wynnum Wading Pool is an iconic part of our local community and locals have, in recent years, found new ways to use this historic space. During winter the wading pool is drained for maintenance. At this time the pool is used for beach volleyball tournaments. Winnam, our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander co-op, turns the wading pool into a Kunjijel and a festival for NAIDOC Week and the Quandamooka Festival.

This event has been going from strength to strength and is supported by local businesses and the community. The 2018 event, which was held towards the end of July, did not disappoint. It was a great success with close to 10,000 people enjoying this wonderful cultural event. I know that Minister Enoch was there and enjoyed getting her toes in the sand of the wading pool. It has been wonderful to see our local groups revisiting an old landmark. This kind of innovation, thinking and seizing new opportunities is a way to a bright future for my electorate.

Fort Lytton, which is open to the public and presents special night-time tours, is worth a visit. I have been lucky enough to experience the unique and fascinating night-time promenade theatre performances that bring to life the historic fortification and share important stories about our Anzacs, many of whom were deployed from Fort Lytton. This is yet another great asset to our tourism sector. Perhaps this could be the year for everyone in the House to pop down and book a night-time tour run by the passionate and enthusiastic Daley, Rolly and Meitta, or drop down one Sunday for the Fort Lytton Historical Association's firing of the cannon, or visit History Alive during June.

So many people in the electorate of Lytton are involved in its communal life. I am justifiably proud of the mighty Wynnum Manly Seagulls, although not this year—sadly, they are not doing as well as they have done in the past; the mighty Bugs, who are doing fabulously—they had a good win last weekend; the Bayside United Football Club—their senior women's soccer team won the grand final in 2017; Wynnum Manly District Cricket Club; the Wynnum Wolves; the Vikings AFL Club; the Manly Dragon Boat Club, which recently competed and won gold, silver and bronze at the world championships in Hungary—it is doing really well; the Manly Halloween celebrations, which is a great festival in Manly—pop down for a great night out; our hardworking local environmental groups; and a vast array of activities across the electorate.

The Palaszczuk government recognises the importance of working in partnership with industry and business to create employment opportunities. It also recognises that a healthy, vibrant state is not created simply through an effective economic formula. Our state is made up of a diverse range of people from many backgrounds, age groups and skill sets all with the capacity to contribute to the wellbeing of our great state in a multitude of ways. Like many members who have spoken previously, I have also been fortunate to attend the new citizenship ceremonies that are held at Wynnum by our local councillor, Councillor Peter Cumming, and our local Lions group and have welcomed many people from many different nations to become new members of the great community of Lytton.

Wynnum Family Day Care, another great local organisation, are celebrating their 30th year this year. This community run service's excellence has been recognised many times through their professionalism and the standard of care that they and their educators provide to their clients. I would particularly like to congratulate the board of Wynnum Family Day Care. I would also like to acknowledge Denise Robinson, whom we lost last year. Denise gave many decades of service to our community and she will be remembered by those many lives that she has touched. Thanks to Cathy Bavage and her team from the Wynnum Family Day Care for their contribution to our community.

I have worked with local community groups to secure more than \$2 million to support our local sporting clubs and community groups in the bayside. Many of these—in fact all of them—are run by tireless volunteers whose working years are well behind them. I am talking about groups such as ARAD, whose volunteers have looked after people with a disability for years and continue to do so even though the average age of the volunteers is close to 75 years; WROCCS; the Bayside Woodturners and Woodcrafters Association; the Wynnum-Manly Men's Shed; the Wynnum Manly Historical Society; the Eastern District Orchid Society; and local sailing clubs—Wynnum Manly, Darling Point, Royal Queensland and Sailability—that all provide sailing opportunities for locals, people with a disability, encouraging women, men and kids to get out on the water. They all serve to connect people by tapping into their creativity, skills and interests to ensure a healthy, caring community and that no-one needs to live in isolation.

I began my speech by acknowledging and thanking all of those people. I would like to say thank you again to my family and to the great supporters in the Labor Party in Lytton. I thank them all for their great work. To my family: I love you and thank you for everything that you do to help me.

Finally, we do have a bit more to do. We have achieved so much over the past few years, but there is still a bit to do and our government is ready to do this work. I look forward to working with the bayside. I reaffirm my commitment to the Palaszczuk government and to the bayside and the people of my electorate. I pledge to my electorate that I will continue to listen to their concerns and work with them to achieve for our local community. I look forward to serving with them during this term in government.