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Wynnum Ambulance Station

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.46 pm): One hundred years ago to the day in August 1918 Brisbane's bayside community established its first ambulance station. One hundred years later the Hon. Steven Miles opened Wynnum Ambulance Station's brand-new doors. The new Wynnum Ambulance Station will service an area from the Port of Brisbane to Chandler. The 16 paramedics, two patient transport officers and officer in charge—a big call out to Mike Day—operating out of the new station have access to the latest facilities, including a multipurpose training space, a day room, a kitchen, rest-study areas and a 10-bay plant room. The new station will allow officers to respond to emergencies in these areas in the most efficient manner.

There is also provision for future growth to meet the increasing demand for services to the community. Last financial year Wynnum paramedics undertook more than 11,200 responses. That was a 3.2 per cent increase on last year. Like much of Queensland, this area has a growing and ageing population, and residents here deserve these necessary emergency and health resources.

As well as constructing a new multimillion dollar state-of-the-art ambulance station, around nine full-time-equivalent construction sector jobs were supported during the build. At the opening of the station, Wynnum ambulance officers also displayed equipment from the Ambulance Museum, which is on Tingal Road and is worth dropping into. Their open day is on 15 September this year. It was a great day. It was wonderful to see how the technology and equipment of the Queensland Ambulance Service has progressed. It was a great contrast from the old to the brand-new equipment that was there.

This \$3.5 million injection into the bayside demonstrates the Palaszczuk government's commitment to providing efficient and high-quality emergency pre-hospital health care for bayside residents. The new station also complements the recently opened Gundu Pa, the Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre, which I have spoken about many times in this House. Gundu Pa offers 24-hour primary care for minor injuries and illnesses. These two significant health investments are part of the Palaszczuk Labor government's unwavering commitment to meeting the growing health needs of Queenslanders.

Unlike those on the opposite side of the House, I made a commitment to baysiders to ensure that decent, local public health services would be retained in the bayside and that there would be no job losses to front-line health services—they would all be retained in the bayside. Once again, the Palaszczuk government has delivered on this commitment.

I would like to take a moment to pay my regards to the great paramedics who work out of the Wynnum Ambulance Station who do an outstanding job and the local LAC, Ray Rickwood and his team who provide a great service supporting our local paramedics and have provided a great breakout room for the paramedics.