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Caboolture Hospital

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (6.10 pm): I speak tonight about the continued investment of our government in local health services in the Caboolture region. The modernisation of the Caboolture Hospital continues. We already have seen investment into new car-parking facilities and a new outpatient facility, which we opened last year, and just last week I had the privilege of officially opening our new medical imaging facility at the Caboolture Hospital, a significant investment in new equipment and new facilities for the people who use the Caboolture Hospital and of course those who are in the Caboolture region who need access to quality health services.

This multimillion dollar facility which I opened last week is a partnership between Queensland hospital and health services and I-MED Radiology. I must acknowledge that partnership, because not only has that partnership delivered this new multimillion dollar facility but it has also delivered \$3.5 million in new medical imaging equipment. This equipment is extraordinary. I had the opportunity to walk around with staff and speak to them about these new pieces of equipment. There is a new 3T MRI machine which is the bee's knees; it has everything. It ensures that we are able to conduct those MRI scans faster and in more detail, giving quicker diagnoses and also of course quicker response to medical treatment. There is a new CT scanner, new X-ray machines as well as new fluoroscopy units. This is a significant investment in new equipment for our Caboolture Hospital.

Part of the modernisation of the Caboolture Hospital precinct is to put new facilities in new places to create spaces for further upgrades. Relocating the medical imaging facility to its new location enables the upgrade of our emergency department, a \$20 million upgrade which is already underway. Essentially, it will double the size of the Caboolture emergency department. That then leads to the bigger redevelopment of our hospital—130 extra beds delivered worth more than \$250 million, a significant investment in new health infrastructure. I want to acknowledge our government's investment in our Caboolture Hospital. The staff at our hospital are outstanding. They deliver an extraordinary service to the people of the Caboolture region. Our government is backing them in with the latest equipment, upgraded facilities and of course a further investment in more staff to service that hospital, to service the Caboolture region.