




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (7.25 pm): In speaking about my wonderful electorate of Redcliffe, I firstly want to make mention of the very serious allegations that were put by the member for Mudgeeraba in this chamber this week in relation to a doctor at the Redcliffe Hospital. I welcome the comments from Minister Miles that these are serious allegations and that all of the material will be referred to relevant bodies for investigation. I also echo his calls that, if anyone has any information or evidence in relation to those allegations of misconduct, they should contact the relevant authorities.

Many people would know about my passion of trying to get the barge back operating from the Redcliffe Peninsula to Moreton Island. The Queensland government released a tender for the private sector to establish a barge service from the Scarborough boat harbour to Moreton Island in July last year. I regularly get asked where this is at, so I want to give an update for the House this evening.

To support this outcome, the Queensland government committed funding of \$4 million for enabling works at Scarborough boat harbour. Unfortunately, the original tender process did not identify a suitable proponent. The Queensland government though has recently received new interest from a party looking to establish a barge service to connect to Moreton Island. In light of this, the Queensland government has commenced preliminary discussions with the interested party and has requested further information about the proposal. Once the proposal is received, it will be assessed by Queensland government officers to ensure the suitability of the proponent and proposal.

We have always said that this can only go ahead if there is a business out there willing to run this as a commercial enterprise. This government is the first government that has ever put money on the table to get this service operating. We are committed to speaking to any interested parties out there to see if we can make this a reality. We will see what comes of this proposal, but I am pleased to say that, although the original tender process did not reap benefits, there is a new interested party and those discussions are ongoing. I note the members for Bancroft and Murrumba and many other members on the north side of Brisbane are very keen to see this operational. The money is still there and those discussions are ongoing.

In the brief time I have left, I wish to talk about school investiture ceremonies, and I note that other members, including the member for Bulimba, also spoke about this. I wish to talk about the Redcliffe State High School leadership investiture ceremony that I went to this week. I acknowledge school captains Regan Gracie, Fletcher Day and Kai-Noa Wynyard, as well as student representative council president Jai Jackson. I congratulate them for becoming leaders for 2019 at Redcliffe State High School.

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