



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Redcliffe Electorate**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.28 pm): We are days out from a federal election being called. The federal Labor candidate for Petrie has been doing an incredible job getting out there and talking one on one to so many voters and engaging with the community and our local schools. I want to acknowledge that already Corinne Mulholland, our Labor candidate, has committed along with Bill Shorten around \$4 million for our local schools on the Redcliffe Peninsula alone. Federal Labor has also committed funding for stage 2 of the Moreton Bay university project. An amount of \$50 million will be invested in building a state-of-the-art living lab and it will support 1,500 jobs during construction.

This is critical to give the people of Redcliffe an opportunity to go to university in their own local area, which is great. Corinne has done an amazing job of putting pressure on the current federal member and the federal government to issue an MRI licence for the Redcliffe Hospital. It was Corinne's campaign that got that going, despite the claims of the federal member. They have also committed \$10 million to the emergency department to ensure paediatric patients are treated in their own dedicated area separate to adult patients. This is on top of the \$75 million that the Palaszczuk government is investing in the Redcliffe Hospital. I have the former health minister next to me who made the commitment with me about the multistorey car park. This is a huge benefit to our local community. It is long overdue and I want to thank him and the current health minister, Minister Miles, for that commitment.

I also want to mention and congratulate the students at Woody Point Special School. They had their first ever election for leadership positions. I was invited as a returning officer with Ric Day, the principal. They set up a little voting booth and ballot box. When they came up to me they had to tell me their teacher's name and their name. We marked them off and gave them the ballot paper, and at their assembly they announced the winners. Congratulations to Blade, the Captain of Learning; Ezyah, the Captain of Belonging; Harwera, the Captain of Respecting; and Thomas, the Captain of Celebrating. Well done to Woody Point Special School!

In our community there are amazing kids and adults with disabilities and families who support them. I am shocked and appalled at the Morrison LNP government's announcement that \$1.6 billion is coming out of the NDIS and caps on other disability services to go to the bottom line in their budget. They say it is an underspend, but that is because they are not delivering the NDIS the way they should. Families are not getting the money and packages they need, and service providers are not getting the support they need to get out there and do the job.