



Speech By Hon. Yvette D'Ath

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Hon. YM D'ATH (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.25 pm): I rise to firstly acknowledge the moving Anzac Day services that were held at Redcliffe—the dawn service, the Woody Point Memorial Hall service and also the main service on Anzac Day. As always, the Redcliffe RSL sub-branch outdid themselves. The crowds were huge, particularly at the dawn service. It was really heartwarming to see the huge number of school students in uniform marching in the main service. It is wonderful to see those numbers growing each and every year. I want to acknowledge renowned poet Rupert McCall for a stirring poem that reflected on the Afghanistan war and those coming back.

As the member for Bancroft did—and he is sitting next to me in the chamber this evening—I also acknowledge the candidate and, hopefully, the member for Petrie for Labor, Corinne Mulholland, who has just announced that there will be an additional \$4 million of funding if a federal Labor government is elected on 18 May for the Moreton Bay barge. That will mean that the dredging can take place and the ramp will also be able to be built. This project will incentivise proponents. One party is already in discussions with the department through the expression of interest.

This is a really great announcement. There are so many thousands of people—locals, right across north Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast—who want to see the Redcliffe to Moreton Island barge back. We have so many tourists visiting from interstate and internationally who stand on the foreshore at Redcliffe and ask, 'How do I get to that island?' You have to say to them, 'You have to go down to the Port of Brisbane and then get a barge from there.' I am very grateful that we have a passenger service operating once a week during the summer, but we want this vehicular barge happening. I welcome this \$4 million announcement from federal Labor. I thank Corinne Mulholland for her advocacy and in working with me on this and, of course, the member for Bancroft who is also so supportive of this project.

Last but not least, I congratulate Yabbey Road on Redcliffe Parade that today was announced by the *Courier-Mail* as the No. 1 fish and chip shop in Brisbane. I acknowledge Alan and Kathy Bray. They have been going for four years. This shop is located right near Bee Gees Way. If people have not visited, I ask them to please come to Redcliffe to visit the shop. The fish and chips are incredible. They are renowned for their homemade mushy peas, which are a favourite of the British expats. The food is delicious. I congratulate Yabbey Road. They deserve to be No. 1. I encourage everyone to visit Redcliffe.