




Speech By
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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (6.26 pm): It is a pleasure to rise this evening to talk about the amazing, strong, intelligent Labor women candidates being run in Queensland at the federal election, particularly in my area: Anika Wells in Lilley, Ali France in Dickson, Susan Lamb in Longman and, last but certainly not least, Corinne Mulholland in Petrie.

Corinne is a long-term resident of the Petrie electorate. She bought her first house in Redcliffe when she was 21 and has continued to live and work locally in the Moreton Bay region, along with her mum and sister. She grew up in this region and has loved and thrived in the region. She has seen all of the changes that have happened over many years and understands the pressure placed on local infrastructure and front-line services.

Corinne has significant experience working across government and policymaking. She has worked in a senior local government role, where she has built a strong reputation by working with local communities, sporting and business groups to deliver for her community. Corinne will use this experience to fight for the roads, the infrastructure and the services we need in our growing community. Corinne knows that Petrie needs an MP who has the energy and vision to help build a stronger future. That is why Corinne will fight to reverse the unfair cuts to penalty rates and the LNP's cuts to the Redcliffe Hospital.

Corinne has made commitments to see Labor deliver over \$20 million in extra funding for local schools in Petrie, including many in my local area of Redcliffe. She has committed to 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, supporting 1,500 jobs during construction. This is critical. We will have a university that sits right on the train line that we built—federal Labor and state Labor—and we will see opportunities opening up right across the Moreton Bay region for young people and mature age students to go on to university. That is absolutely fantastic.

Corinne has been such a strong advocate in the health space. She led a successful campaign—although the federal member is trying to claim it now; that just shows how successful she is—putting pressure on the coalition government to issue an MRI licence, which it has now done. Corinne had the pleasure to announce, along with me and Minister Steven Miles, that that MRI is being funded and delivered to Redcliffe Hospital. The other day we had the great pleasure, with Bill Shorten, to announce an additional CT coming to the Redcliffe Hospital. That is fantastic.

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