




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR LYTTON

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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Lytton Electorate

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.46 pm): I am so privileged to have been representing the bayside since 2015. It is an honour to serve the residents of Lytton. Our vibrant community is bursting with dedicated, talented and hardworking people and industry surrounded by the natural beauty of Moreton Bay Marine Park. When I was elected in 2015 I made a commitment to baysiders that I would always listen and I would always work with the community, that I would focus on building our community, identifying and confirming priorities of each and every sector in the bayside and to make the day-to-day lives of baysiders better.

I am so proud of the Wynnum Manly community health centre Gundu Pa, our very own state-of-the-art health facility. This centre boasts best practice clinics meeting the health needs of all baysiders. Whether it is seeing a doctor in the primary care clinic any time of the day or night seven days a week or staying in either the rehabilitation beds at Pandanus Ward or the palliative care service at Camelia Lodge, or any of the other amazing clinics, baysiders' health is well and truly being taken care of by our fabulous doctors, nurses, allied health professionals and other staff in these wonderful facilities.

I back the value of a great education, our local schools, our teachers and the staff in our schools and I have been thrilled to see the investment in our local schools, including new classrooms at Wynnum State High School, Lota State School and Brisbane Bayside State College. Our bayside youngsters get a Flying Start with the compulsory prep year and a teacher aide in every prep classroom. The introduction of coding and robotics in all state schools and boosted STEM means our kids have a head start. This year's graduating cohort have participated in a number of firsts. They were the first prep, the first year 7 in high school and this year they will be the first to graduate under the new senior assessment system. Good luck!

I, like my community, value the dignity of a job. The reintroduction of Skilling Queenslanders for Work, the introduction of free TAFE and apprenticeship training and Back to Work programs are important and valuable contributions to ensure that we have a skilled and trained workforce ready to build on the economic future of the bayside.

Through the great work of the Clean Up Wynnum Creek! group, we have seen the removal of abandoned vessels, not only from Wynnum Creek but also from creeks across the waterways in Queensland. I am really proud of our group. There is always work to be done to make the lives of baysiders better. I commit to deliver access to world-class health and education facilities and economic growth and job creation. I will continue to listen and I will continue to stand up for baysiders to ensure that we have a very strong voice in this place.