



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


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (7.38 pm): The Palaszczuk government has moved quickly to unite and recover Queensland. I have been informed that the COVID-19 Jobs Support Loans scheme, administered by the department of my esteemed colleague, Minister Furner, has provided to date over \$53 million worth of loans to businesses in the Moreton Bay region which has supported around 4,486 jobs. Further, I have been advised that across the Moreton Bay region as at 14 June approximately 484 businesses have applied for and received payroll tax refunds totalling over \$11 million, deferring their tax payments this calendar year. The Palaszczuk government has announced our next phase of economic recovery which will support a number of sectors, including small businesses in our local Redcliffe community, with an additional \$100 million allocated for small business grants across the state.

I want to thank our local Redcliffe community for continuing to stand by our local businesses and buying local. Whether it is visiting the Golden Ox in Margate for a delicious meal, the Over There Cafe at Dolphin Central for a great cuppa, or Pick a Lily Forest at Peninsula Fair Shopping Centre for flowers for that special someone, the Redcliffe peninsula has a smorgasbord of great small businesses on offer not only to locals but anyone who wants to come visit us on the peninsula.

While I have the chance I want to give a shout-out to Avopiling, a small business of a different variety in the Redcliffe area which has been awarded a large contract to drive the piles into the earth to form the foundations for some of our new Cross River Rail stations. This project will support 38 workers and is a great opportunity for our local community to be part of this transformational public transport project. The value of the project is almost \$6 million for this local business.

Finally, I want to pay special tribute to one of my retiring principals, Mr Stephen McGoldrick. Mr McGoldrick has been the principal of Scarborough State School for the past 11 years and he has been an educator for over 45 years. Mr McGoldrick will shortly retire to spend some much deserved time with his friends and family, including his young grandchildren, who I know will benefit from his wealth of educational experience. On behalf of the entire community I want to thank Mr McGoldrick for his service to Queensland teachers, teaching staff and students whom he has worked with, taught and mentored over so many years. I wish him all the very best going forward.

I want to again acknowledge all of the contributions of the people from Redcliffe, who are working so hard to ensure that we contain the spread of COVID and to support local businesses. I am just overwhelmed by the number of people who have reached out to my office to support the road map that the Palaszczuk government has put into place. They understand the real risks because they have seen it in other countries and they know what is possible. Queensland has handled it so well, and I want to thank the Palaszczuk government for that.