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## **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) (2020-2021) BILL**

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#### **Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)**

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#### **Health and Environment Committee, Report**

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (4.47 pm): I rise to speak to report No. 2 of the Health and Environment Committee on the 2020-21 budget estimates. I would like to say how delightful it is to follow the member for Mudgeeraba because it gives me an opportunity to talk about some of the mistruths, injustices and complete fabrications she goes on with. It is very, very disappointing. I would like to talk about Gundu Pa, the Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre. It is on the site of the old Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit, which was the home of 85 residents and which the opposition closed. Those 85 residents lost their homes that day. Those people have had to live without an aged-care facility in the area, simply because the Newman government decided that it was not worth keeping. As a government, we look after the health of our locals and we built Gundu Pa, the Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre. That centre continues to grow and continues to be really well attended by all of our local community. It will also be joining with the satellite hospitals that are coming up around the area.

The member for Mudgeeraba also talked about the vaccine. Obviously, she did not listen to the numerous accounts that were given in parliament this morning and is unable to understand that there will be an equitable delivery. The federal government is working with the GPs to make sure that happens.

I would like to continue with the debate on the committee's report and the committee's recommendation that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill 2020 for the committee's areas of responsibility, be agreed to without amendment. Firstly, I would like to thank the committee for its work and, of course, I would like to thank the chair, the member for Thuringowa, for his outstanding leadership of the committee during the hearing. I also thank my parliamentary colleagues and the secretariat for their constant professionalism. May I also acknowledge my fellow committee members, the member for Southport, the member for Mirani, the member for Pumicestone and the member for Oodgeroo.

I would like to acknowledge the Hon. Yvette D'Ath, Minister for Health and Ambulance Services, and the Hon. Meaghan Scanlon, Minister for the Environment and Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs, and their departmental officers for their cooperation in providing information to the committee throughout this process. May I take the time, on behalf of my community, to also acknowledge the previous minister for health, the Deputy Premier, the Hon. Steven Miles, and the department and, of course it goes without saying, our wonderful Queensland Chief Health Officer, Jeannette Young, for their outstanding efforts during a world pandemic in keeping Queenslanders safe.

This budget is a commitment to Queenslanders, delivering on key priorities such as a strong health response from the Palaszczuk government. This budget will support our economic recovery from the global COVID-19 pandemic by supporting Queensland communities with what they need. Following medical advice—expert medical advice—and working together with health professionals and frontline agencies has allowed us to follow the road to recovery and place our state economy in a stronger position than those around the rest of Australia. For the Palaszczuk government jobs have always been at the forefront of what we deliver for Queenslanders, and there is additional staffing until 2024 for doctors, nursing and allied health staff.

This budget will see an increase of \$8 billion since the 2019-20 financial year as the Queensland Health total budget for controlled items is \$29.822 billion in 2020-21. Despite the unprecedented year, our government has been able to deliver a budget during 2020, including a \$1.2 billion health package allocated as part of Queensland's economic recovery to safeguard our health. That funding package covered a range of equipment and services associated with managing and containing the COVID pandemic including fever clinics—and Gundu Pa was one of them; they stood up and provided fever clinics during the pandemic on a couple of occasions.

I would like to acknowledge the great work of our Queensland Police Service for standing up as well. I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the great work of Queensland Health with the transfer of title to Winnam, our local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander co-op, of the property at the old Wynnum hospital site for the relocation of a residential aged-care facility.

We also reviewed the environment and Great Barrier Reef, and science and youth affairs. They will deliver a number of policies around environment, Queensland parks and wildlife and conservation services, science and heritage protection services. My electorate borders the wonderful Moreton Bay Marine Park and I am very proud of the great work that our Queensland Parks and Wildlife officers do there. They work closely and provide great expert advice with regard to our War on Wrecks program. I also look forward to our work with regard to the seagrass inquiry. I commend the report to the House.