



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR REDLANDS**

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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL**

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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (3.51 pm): I rise proudly in this House today to support the 2021-22 Palaszczuk government budget. It is a budget that Duncan Pegg would have been extraordinarily proud of. I will miss hearing his contribution. He will be deeply missed in this parliament and he will be deeply missed within his community of Stretton.

This is another great budget for Queensland and another great budget for Redlanders. In fact, it is a record budget for our Redlands Coast. I have said it before and I will say it again: a measure of success in this place is determined by the legacy ultimately left behind for our communities today and those of the future, and that is what this budget does for my Redlands community.

I really hope that our Redland City Council LNP mayor and the federal LNP member for Bowman and the Leader of the Opposition are listening and paying attention when I take them through what this means for my Redlands electorate, particularly given some of the disappointing, but not surprising, commentary over the past few days from our mayor, in particular on a Facebook post yesterday. As I said, it is disappointing but not surprising, given her new membership of the LNP and her potential to be the candidate for the federal seat of Bowman. What she put out yesterday was the same old LNP rhetoric.

If a picture paints a thousand words for her, let me show honourable members a picture that paints the millions of dollars of investment across our Redlands Coast, and I will table that for the benefit of both the mayor and the House.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Krause): Please table it and stop using it as a prop.

*Tabled paper:* Document, undated, titled 'Queensland Budget Highlights Delivering for Redlands Coast' [899](#).

**Ms RICHARDS:** I will also put our government's \$130 million-plus investment this year in Redlands Coast roads next to the council's year-on-year diminishing annual roads budget any day of the week. I will also put our capital investment into the Redlands region side by side that of the federal government and the local council. In Redland Bay alone, our new state primary school and new satellite hospital alone, somewhere in the vicinity of \$100 million-plus, is a significant contribution.

I also table the member for Bowman's budget flyer that came out last week. I table it for the benefit of the House and my community to demonstrate just how little there was in that federal budget for our Redlands community. In fact, you would go pretty close to saying zip, zero, nada and nothing.

*Tabled paper:* Document, undated, titled 'Budget 2021: Family Home Guarantee' [900](#).

Quite frankly, it is extraordinarily disappointing that the mayor has said nothing about the fact that the federal government are committing nothing in infrastructure for our Redlands community. There has been absolute silence; it has been crickets. Again, as I said, no surprises there. I really do hope that they are listening.

Our strong health response to COVID has meant that economically we are bouncing back better than anywhere else in the country—in fact, better than anywhere else in the world. As we have heard from this side of the House today, there has been little heard from those on the other side of the House about the impact of COVID-19 on our state, on our country and what we have seen around the world and what that means in a budgetary sense. It is quite astounding that that seems to have been totally overlooked.

This budget means a lot for Redlanders and it means a lot for future growth. We have a vision and we have a plan for that future growth in our region. As the Premier says, our best days are ahead, and this budget is positioning us for the needs of both today and tomorrow. Our Chamber of Commerce also says that Redlands Coast has a bright future ahead. Here goes with some of the highlights.

In jobs and economic opportunity, there is great news today with unemployment at 5.4 per cent, less than before COVID-19, and that speaks to what our Palaszczuk government is delivering for all Queenslanders. It is supported by programs like our Regional Jobs Committee that we have on the Redlands Coast being conducted by our Chamber of Commerce.

The Skilling Queenslanders for Work program is absolutely incredible. It is a signature piece of this government. I have spoken about it endlessly in this place. It continues to deliver for my community and will continue to deliver into the future. We are investing in Big Plans for Small Business. We are investing in renewables and hydrogen.

There is \$71 million for the film and screen industry and that is also looking at how we develop that industry and look at post production. It is fantastic news on jobs and economic opportunity.

In roads and infrastructure, we continue to invest in Cleveland Redland Bay Road, a project that was not going to be looked at by the LNP government until 2024. This is fantastic news for my community in regards to roads—the Beenleigh Redland Bay Road, the Eastern Transitway, a new \$1.3 million business case to look at the planning work for the Redland subarterial road from Mount Gravatt Capalaba Road to Tingalpa Creek, an important arterial heading out of the Redlands.

There is \$37.1 million for the Southern Moreton Bay Islands ferry terminals in partnership with the Redland City Council—another fantastic project that is creating jobs in my local community, like Aluminium Marine that will be helping deliver that infrastructure.

There is an absolute bonanza in education with record funding across that area for air conditioning and solar; KindyLinQ program for my island communities; \$1.9 million in shovel-ready projects for Macleay Island, Russell Island, Victoria Point State School, Victoria Point State High School and Redland Bay State School; \$9 million for Redland District Special School; \$8.6 million for a new learning precinct for Victoria Point State High School; and approximately \$60 million for a brand new state school for Redland Bay. Huge!

In the hospital space: \$50 million for a seven-level car park and \$83 million for Redland Hospital stage 1 expansion with a new ICU and beds. Our government is about backing in health services and making sure that we deliver for our communities. There is so much more that I could talk about; the list goes on and on.

Again, I want to highlight for my Redlands community that I will continue to be tenacious and unwavering in delivering for Redlanders. As our chamber said, we have a bright future ahead. I know there will always be more to do and I will continue to work hard every day on behalf of my amazing community.

Mr Deputy Speaker, the Speaker has reviewed and approved my budget speech for incorporation. As such, I ask that the remainder of my speech be incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings*.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Krause): Thank you, member for Redlands, for indicating your speech has been reviewed for incorporation. In accordance with standing and sessional orders, your speech shall be incorporated.

*The speech read as follows—*

Following is a detailed outline of our Palaszczuk Government's and my track record in delivering for Redlands and the works we will continue to deliver on.

Education

A New State School Redland Bay in our southern Redland Bay

Airconditioning and Solar for all our Redlands Schools

Macleay and Russell Island KindyLinQ program

\$500K OSHC Redland Bay State School + \$100k new shade structure  
 \$500K OSHC Victoria Point State School  
 \$125K Russell Island State School Playground  
 \$125K Macleay Island State School Playground  
 \$9M Redlands District Special School New Learning Precinct  
 \$12M Victoria Point State High School new STEM and Hospitality Precinct  
 \$15M Redlands TAFE Revitalisation—nursing and trades  
 Free TAFE for Year 12 Graduates  
 Free Apprenticeship and Traineeship Costs across 139 trades  
 Completed  
 \$500k Macleay Island State School Admin and Library Refurbishment  
 \$400K Russell Island State School Landscape works  
 \$1.2M Russell Island State School Classroom Refurbishments  
 \$1M Victoria Point State High School Library Upgrade  
 \$2M Victoria Point State High School Hall Expansion  
 \$1M Victoria Point State High School New School Fence  
 \$600K Thornlands State School Refurbished Administration Building  
 \$100k Thornlands State School Multipurpose Court Resurfacing  
 \$1.6M Redland Bay State School New Buildings  
 \$700k Bayview State School New Buildings  
 \$400k Redlands District Special School New Buildings  
 \$6M Cleveland District State High School new multi purpose hall  
 \$3M Cleveland District State High School new manual arts building  
 \$9M Cleveland District State High School new classrooms  
 \$2.4M YMCA new Vocational School and Youth Hub  
 \$3.9M Carmel College New Admin Building  
 New School Crossings—Bayview, Macleay Island, Russell Island, Carmel College, Victoria Pt, Faith Lutheran Redlands College  
 Transport and Roads  
 \$110M Stage 1 Cleveland Redland Bay Road Upgrade  
 \$37M SMBI Ferry Terminal Upgrades with Redland City Council  
 \$1.3M Business Case for upgrade to Redland Sub-Arterial Road (U91) from Mt Gravatt Capalaba Road to Tingalpa Creek  
 \$5M Old Cleveland Road Gateway Onramp Upgrade  
 \$30M Eastern Transitway  
 \$495K Redlands Transport Study  
 Free SMBI Inter-island Travel  
 Complete  
 \$9M Victoria Point Bus Terminal  
 \$9M Redland Bay Marina  
 \$1M Moreton Cycleway Stage 1  
 Jobs  
 Skilling Queenslanders for Work  
 Small Business Grants  
 Redlands Regional Jobs Committee  
 Partnership with QUT and investors for a new Hydrogen Pilot Plant

## Health

\$50M new 7 Level Hospital Car Park

\$62M Stage 1 Hospital Expansion that includes new ICU

\$6M Full Hospital Expansion—Detailed Business Case following on from Prelim + Master Plan

\$40M new Satellite Hospital

Complete

\$1.7M Redlands Hospital Emergency and Birthing Expansion

Hospital Expansion Master Plan

\$1.5M Hospital Expansion Preliminary Business Case

SMBI QAS Additional Paramedic Resource

Redlands Hospital—Mental Health Living Edge Pilot

Redlands Hospital—SLAM Skin Cancer Facility

Community + Tourism

Over \$2.1M to support our community organisations from Meals on Wheels through to our Neighbourhood Centres.

In Social Housing over \$3M—this is a boon for our local tradies.

Gambling Community Benefit Fund—opportunities

Redlands Rugby League \$150K for new change rooms

Victoria Point Sharks Club \$150K for new change rooms

New Fire Station for Mt Cotton and serving communities in the west of my electorate

Completed

\$100K Donald Simpson Centre support

\$1.5M+ Community Benefit Fund Delivery—kayaks, ride on's, storage sheds, club equipment, facility upgrades, sports lighting, turf and so much more.

\$1M+ New Maybanke Crisis Accommodation

Maybanke Additional Child Support Worker

\$2M Indigscapes Upgrade

\$175k Macleay Island Bowls Upgrade

\$160k Victoria Point Sharks + VPSH Oval Upgrade

\$20K Redfest Sponsorship

2 x new Police Officers Russell Island

2 x new vessels—Police Barge and High Speed Jet Boat

New Stingray Police Vehicles

New Police QLite Equipment

4 x Fisheries Patrol Officers

2 x New Fire Appliance—Russell Island and Lamb Island

Redlands Rapid Response Team—Homelessness

\$500k Centre for Women & Co. Domestic Violence Program Funding (including on island personnel)

Regional Arts Development Funding for local arts programs

War on Wreck Program 800+ vessels removed—significant number in Moreton Bay

New Maritime Enforcement Team—operating across Moreton Bay

Jetboats for tourism development

Coastal Erosion Funding to Redland City Council

Containers 4 Change—Victoria Point, Redland Bay, Russell Island, Macleay Island and soon Lamb Island