



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Ryan**


**MEMBER FOR MORAYFIELD**

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**Coronavirus**

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (2.48 pm): It is this Labor government's strong health response which has kept us all safe: the strong leadership of the Premier, the expert advice of Dr Jeannette Young and the full cooperation of the Queensland community, all working together on a strong health response to keep us safe from the COVID-19 pandemic. It follows that Labor governments will always prioritise the delivery of healthcare services for the people of Queensland.

Labor governments will always invest in the front line—in the doctors, nurses and allied health professionals that we need—and in the support staff at our hospitals and health clinics right across the state. We will invest in proactive, preventive health strategies and initiatives. We will also invest in the infrastructure that our community needs for world-class health services.

I am very excited to see that the Morayfield state electorate will be a major recipient of that Labor government investment. Not only will we have an extra ambulance station built in our community at Morayfield; we will also have a satellite hospital built in Caboolture. This satellite hospital will deliver services such as urgent care as well as other allied health services, taking pressure off Caboolture Hospital but also delivering services closer to the community. This is a welcome addition and a significant investment in health services. Of course, we also have investment in the major hospital, Caboolture Hospital—a \$400 million investment, essentially doubling the size of the hospital and investing in more services, more health practitioners and more facilities for our community. It is right that that happens.

We have also had significant investment in the front line when it comes to responding to COVID-19—not only supporting our health staff with the work they do and ensuring there is appropriate preparedness for any potential outbreak but also investing in the delivery of vaccines. The federal government should be leading on this, but it is up to the Queensland government to pick up where the federal government has fallen down and let the community down.

A Queensland Health vaccine clinic has been established in Caboolture. I encourage everyone to ensure they are registered for the vaccine. There are walk-in opportunities for First Nations people on Saturdays and opportunities for others to access the GP network. I know that the Morayfield health hub has a significant facility and resource to support people seeking information about vaccinations and people wanting to ensure they get vaccinated as quickly as possible. Just as we all are in this together in cooperating to ensure a strong health response, I now call on our community to get vaccinated and continue to prioritise their health and their family's health.