




Speech By
Hon. Shannon Fentiman

MEMBER FOR WATERFORD

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 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (6.15 pm): While Queensland has been spared much of COVID-19 thanks to the leadership of the Palaszczuk government, we know that the only thing that is going to get us out of this pandemic is getting vaccinated. I want to thank Queenslanders who have been doing the right thing by coming forward for their job to keep each other safe. One of the first vaccination hubs that was set up by the Palaszczuk government was in Logan Central, followed by another in Mount Warren Park and Yarrabilba. While many in our community have been turning out to get their—

Mr Mander interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order!

Ms FENTIMAN: I am sorry the member for Everton does not want to hear about people in Logan getting vaccinated. I am here to encourage my community to get vaccinated.

Mr Mander interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Everton, you are warned.

Ms FENTIMAN: While many in our community have been turning out to get their jab, we know that Logan's population is overwhelmingly younger and more diverse than the rest of Queensland, and this has created additional challenges. I want to thank the Premier, the Chief Health Officer and the health minister for coming out to Logan to speak with multicultural leaders to encourage more diverse community members to get their vaccination. I especially acknowledge the organisations across Logan that have been involved in this process. Access Community Services is one of those services. It has played a vital role in supporting the vaccine rollout, partnering with Metro South to run three vaccination clinics. Last week I visited their clinic where so far more than 450 locals have received their vaccine. They have targeted specific communities with lower vaccination levels, including our Burmese, Afghan and African communities. They will follow up this work with more clinics to make sure people are getting their second vaccine.

MultiLink Community Services has also been assisting in the rollout, being active on social media to both share the vital government messaging in a variety of languages and myth-bust concerns raised by community members. MultiLink has also welcomed the announcement that all vaccination hubs are welcoming walk-ins. This is especially helpful to those who speak a language other than English and those who do not have frequent access to the internet.

While we are setting up vaccination clinics throughout the community, including at the Bethania and Underwood Bunnings, starting this Saturday, we are about to start a hub at the Gould Adams Community Centre, starting from Monday, 18 October—chosen specifically to target our Maori and Pasifika communities. We are doing absolutely everything we can to reach out to these communities,

to make sure they have the confidence to come forward and get their jab. I strongly encourage those who have not yet done so to book in at their local GP or walk in to their local pharmacy or one of our many vaccination hubs to get their vaccination. At the access hubs and the Gould Adams Community Centre there are also interpreters available to help. Together we can safely get out of this pandemic as a community and look after one another.