




Speech By
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Redcliffe Electorate

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (7.28 pm): This week marks seven years since the people of Redcliffe put their faith in me and elected me to be their representative in the people's house as the member for Redcliffe. It is seven years since the people of Queensland had their first chance to reject the Newman LNP government and chart a positive pathway forward. The people of Redcliffe spoke loudly and proudly.

Since then, I have had the privilege of serving my community not only in this chamber but also in shadow cabinet and then cabinet—advocating daily for them and all Queenslanders. I want to acknowledge the individuals and community groups that I have worked with and advocated for over these past seven years. Three people I met back in 2014 have been on a journey with me for the past seven years. They are Connie, Ashton and Stewart. I want to acknowledge Connie, who is in the gallery tonight.

These amazing people came to me with a problem and a solution. They wanted Queensland and Australia to enact lemon laws to deal with faulty new motor vehicles. As everyone in this chamber knows, we passed laws in Queensland to support these measures, but more needed to be done. I can report that recently the Australian Consumer Law has been changed to deliver those changes—clarifying that if a product or service has two or more minor problems it is considered a major problem. The threshold of \$40,000 has been lifted to \$100,000 in line with Queensland's law changes. This is all because of these wonderful people who never gave up and never surrendered. Thank you. We did it.

Over the years we have seen record investment not only in our Redcliffe community but also in the wider Moreton Bay region. One of my proudest achievements for the peninsula is the Redcliffe Peninsula rail line—a line that was promised for many, many years and was delivered by federal Labor and state Labor governments working together with the local council. I was proud to represent the people of Redcliffe in the federal parliament and now to have the privilege of serving the people of Redcliffe in the state parliament.

We have seen record investment in our hospital and health services and we will soon see the start of the planning for a major expansion of the hospital. Those who know me know I am passionate about education. I am pleased that the Palaszczuk government has increased the number of teachers, teacher aides and school staff over the years to ensure that our students get the best possible education. We are rolling out air conditioning in all of our schools.

I could stand here for hours and talk about all the investment that the Palaszczuk government has put into our community, but, unfortunately, time does not allow. In the time remaining I want to give a shout-out to my amazing community.

Mr Bleijie interjected.

Mrs D'ATH: Be careful. I will take you up on the offer. As I said before, Redcliffe is more than just a collection of suburbs. It is truly a community—a community which thrives from year to year. Over the past year our wonderful community has stepped up and supported each other. Redcliffe is certainly the place to be and is indeed the best electorate in Queensland.