



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Member for Stretton; Redcliffe Electorate

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (6.03 pm): Before I talk about my wonderful electorate of Redcliffe, I pay tribute to the member for Stretton for his tireless contribution to his community and the people of Queensland and for his service in this parliament. It has been a pleasure to serve with him in government and as a member of the Labor parliamentary party. My thoughts and the thoughts of my community are with him as he goes forward in his journey and his fight with this insidious disease.

As I have said before, Redcliffe is the place to be. I am delighted to advise the House that Redcliffe is a finalist and in the running to be one of Queensland's top tourism towns in the Queensland Tourism Industry Council's 2021 awards. Our vibrant community has something to offer everyone. We have wonderful beaches and waterways, restaurants, cafes, sporting stadiums, sailing opportunities and much more. There is certainly something for everyone. Redcliffe is only 15 minutes from the airport so it is the place to be before you go anywhere else in Queensland. I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to vote for Redcliffe and support our awesome tourism operators.

I welcome the Premier's announcement of the expansion of the government's incredibly successful Holiday Dollars program into the Brisbane region and the Whitsundays. That is wonderful news for families. The announcement creates an exciting opportunity for people to enjoy a holiday on our pristine peninsula and magnificent Moreton Bay. There are 30,000 vouchers worth \$100 available towards tourism and accommodation experiences in the Brisbane region. I encourage everyone to holiday in our mighty Moreton Bay region and Redcliffe in particular, not forgetting that the region includes Moreton Island.

While I am on my feet I would like to call out the hypocrisy of the federal member for Petrie and the non-exclusive relationship that he has with the truth. Recently, Luke Howarth advertised that he and the federal government delivered the MRI at the Redcliffe Hospital. The federal government was embarrassed into providing an MRI licence because Labor promised it at the election and they felt that they had to match that. Let us be clear: they gave a licence but we paid for it, we installed it and we built the infrastructure to house it. It was the Palaszczuk government that delivered that MRI for the Redcliffe Hospital and for the people of the Moreton Bay region. It was not the Morrison government and it certainly was not the local federal member, who was shamed into announcing it during the election by our amazing Labor candidate, Corinne Mulholland. The federal member for Petrie might want to correct the record in federal parliament sometime in the near future.