



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


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Redcliffe Electorate, Small Business; Redcliffe Dolphins; Redcliffe Hospital**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (6.02 pm): The month of May is Small Business Month, and I could not be prouder of our wonderful small businesses in Redcliffe. Small businesses make up the fabric of our tight-knit community, and over the month of May we reflect and celebrate everything small business. It has been a challenging time during this pandemic for everyone, and small businesses have not been immune. In fact, I think small businesses have probably taken the brunt of it.

I was pleased to join small businesses from right across South-East Queensland, including representatives from my own electorate of Redcliffe, for the parliamentary reception held in their honour last night, hosted by the Minister for Small Business. The atmosphere was electric. It was great to have Jesse and Joel from Flock Eatery, and Salem and Ric from Hakuna Ma'Coffee representing the Redcliffe small business community.

The small business community always shows so much resilience and hard work, especially over the last year. The Palaszczuk government will always back in our local small businesses, and I will continue to support all of our wonderful small business operators on the peninsula. I know many of our small businesses have been supported by the Palaszczuk government's funding support and initiatives, and many have said how grateful they are for the assistance.

I have said it before and I will say it again. The Moreton Bay Dolphins are the No. 1 and only choice to be the next NRL team in Brisbane. We look forward to the NRL finally making a decision in the coming weeks and months and making that announcement soon. Last week I joined the Deputy Premier, my parliamentary colleagues from the Moreton Bay region, the mayor and councillors and representatives from the federal government to back in the Dolphins NRL bid and co-sign a letter to the NRL. I encourage all members of the House—and I know many are already big supporters, including the member for Kurwongbah and the member for Bancroft—including the members for Greenslopes, Ipswich, Ipswich West, Bundamba and Jordan to get behind the Dolphins NRL and sign the pledge. There is only one team with not only the financial credentials but also the community backing and a wealth of sporting history, and that is the mighty Dolphins. Go the "phins'!

While I am on my feet, on behalf of our entire community I want to thank our hardworking nurses and midwives at the Redcliffe Hospital. The team there do an amazing job, going above and beyond each and every day to support our community. During the week of International Nurses Day I want to pay tribute to their hard work and dedication and thank them for the work they do each and every day.