



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


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Satellite Hospitals**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (9.57 am): The Palaszczuk government is proud of its track record of delivering innovative and quality health care for all Queenslanders. We invest in infrastructure, create local jobs, ensure that our health system remains strong and we strengthen our economy. This work is vital to our COVID-19 economic recovery plan. This pandemic has reminded all of us just how important our investment and support for quality frontline health care is for Queensland. Our Satellite Hospitals Program is another step closer to completion. Today we are pleased to announce that we have locked in preferred sites for our satellite hospitals in Tugun, Redlands, Caboolture and Pine Rivers. Parcels of land have been chosen in Rowe Street, Caboolture, Dohles Rocks Road, Kallangur, Meissner Street, Redlands and Boyd Street, Tugun.

**Ms Bates** interjected.

**Mrs D'ATH:** She has started already! I thank the local members on this side of the House for their strong advocacy and excitement to deliver these satellite hospitals for their local communities. All up we will build seven satellite hospitals as part of our \$265 million commitment to Queenslanders in Redlands, Bribie Island, Ripley, Caboolture, Tugun, Brisbane South and Pine Rivers. Now that we have selected our preferred sites we can move forward and be one step closer to completion.

Our Satellite Hospitals Program is one that is groundbreaking. It is an Australian first to bring new and improved health services to the heart of growing communities while taking pressure off our busy emergency departments. Our investment means that patients will have access to services closer to home and in a more convenient setting, and we will back local jobs by supporting more than 768 construction jobs across the entire program, not to mention the ongoing health jobs created.

All of the areas where we are building satellite hospitals have experienced significant growth in recent years. That is why the Palaszczuk government is stepping up to meet the demand for health services across the south-east corner. A range of services are being considered for the satellite hospitals, including community health services, ambulatory and low acuity day therapy services such as renal dialysis and chemotherapy, complex wound management, urgent care for minor injury and illness, and outpatient activities. The Palaszczuk government is always investing in additional health infrastructure to ensure that Queenslanders continue to get the best possible care. It is only the Palaszczuk government that is getting on with the job, delivering satellite hospitals for Queenslanders.