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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT**

### **Pumicestone Electorate**

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (2.09 pm): Before I begin, I acknowledge the mayors in the gallery representing Queensland's resource communities and I wish them a very merry Christmas.

As we approach Christmas, I say that 2022 has been a big year for our Pumicestone communities and 2023 will be even better thanks to our Palaszczuk Labor government and our projects. I want to wish Caboolture locals a merry Christmas. Our Caboolture Hospital redevelopment is well underway. We are doubling the size of Caboolture Hospital with a new ED and a new clinical services building, delivering new services and 130 extra beds. I wish an extra warm Christmas greeting to the dedicated health workers at Caboolture Hospital, although many tell me that political attacks by the LNP grinch have cast a cloud over their Christmas.

Last weekend I visited the Abbey Museum for their medieval Christmas celebration, and 2023 looks bright for the Abbey Museum as they begin building their new cafe and art gallery with our \$2.1 million commitment. Congratulations to Lady Edith Cuffe, the 'Lady of Abbeystowe', on her retirement. I want to welcome new director Chloe to the role. Caboolture drivers will also see resurfacing of the D'Aguilar Highway beginning in the new year. Hopefully in the meantime Santa's sleigh will not get lost in the potholes that just keep popping up since the floods.

I give greetings to our Bribie Island locals this Christmas, who are watching the construction of our awesome Bribie Island satellite hospital with great excitement. Soon we will be announcing the full services for our Bribie satellite hospital including the long-hours minor accident and illness centre, mental health care, renal dialysis and much more. Health care closer to home is the best gift that our Bribie Island residents could receive.

I shared Christmas lunch with the Bribie Island Neighbourhood Centre recently. They had a great 2022 with our 81 per cent funding increase and they are looking forward to beginning construction of our new Bribie neighbourhood centre in 2023. The business case for a new Bribie Island bridge is well underway, with community consultation opening in time for Christmas. More very welcome Bribie Island Road upgrades are also in the works for 2023 and 2024. I will take this moment to note that in his first press conference after the 2020 election, the Leader of the Opposition said that he might be prepared to cut the Bribie Island bridge project.

I am wishing people in Ningi a fabulous festive season with new traffic lights at Regina Avenue under construction. This will be the last Christmas before Ningi locals have easier access to their homes and businesses via a much safer intersection, and they are delighted. Merry Christmas to people in Toorbul who have seen the Freeman Road intersection upgraded as they wished. I say happy Christmas to everyone in Beachmere who are looking forward to their new road beginning in 2023. I could not be more delighted to celebrate with them all.