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## ADJOURNMENT

### Rockhampton, Binbi Yadubay

 **Ms LAUGA** (Keppel—ALP) (7.25 pm): Too many of us have come to know a friend, a family member, or a member of our community who has irreparably damaged or even lost their life to addiction, which is why I am so proud of the amazing new detox and rehabilitation facility in Rockhampton. It is absolutely transformational for local people, families and our entire community. Back in 2016, I organised a meeting with Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and the women—like Deb, Daphne and Kay—from Ice Supporting Families Capricorn Coast. They told me about the dire need for a facility like this in Central Queensland. The Premier and I listened and we acted. I am proud that we have now officially opened the new world-class, \$16 million, 42-bed facility which includes an 8-bed withdrawal unit, a 32-bed residential rehab facility and two family units where parents can access treatment with their children onsite. Locals are also able to access high-quality, free, day-program counselling support services for people suffering with drug or alcohol addiction.

The facility is called Binbi Yadubay which, in the language of the traditional landowners, the Darumbal people, means healthy beginnings. Before this was available, the nearest support facility was Mackay or the Sunshine Coast. No Queenslanders should have to battle their addiction alone. They deserve the chance to be free from their addiction and to have a healthy beginning. The 42-bed centre is the first in Queensland to offer withdrawal, rehab and family units and will work alongside 19 other service locations that will be delivered across the state. I implore any Central Queenslanders who are suffering with an addiction or are working to help a loved one through the rehabilitation process to contact the Binbi Yadubay facility and talk to someone about the options available to them. We know that this facility will be an incredible support not only to residents but also to their families. I would especially like to thank Lives Lived Well for their operation of the facility and for their continued dedication to the rehabilitation of Queenslanders.

It was just awful that not only did those opposite not match Labor's commitment for a detox and rehabilitation centre in Rockhampton at the 2017 state election but the member for Capricornia and those opposite tried to stop this centre from being built at all. Only Labor went to the 2017 state election with a plan to build a new detox and rehab centre in Rocky. Those opposite did not; only Labor did. No other party had the vision to commit to building this centre to provide the treatment to people in Central Queensland that they need to get well. The LNP were putting petitions around the community, stirring up people, trying to stop this facility from even happening. They had no vision and they actively tried to stop this amazing facility from being built. I am proud that the Palaszczuk government persisted. We worked hard and now it has been brought to life. Congratulations to everyone involved in bringing this amazing facility to life.