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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redlands Electorate, Achievements

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (6.10 pm): I rise in the House tonight to talk about all of the fantastic work that is being delivered by our government in the Redlands. I have done it as a reflection to see what a track record looks like. I am not sure if anyone in the House has had a chance to listen to the valedictory speech of the federal LNP member for Bowman after 18 years in the Redlands. There was not one mention of a proud project delivery moment after 18 years.

After being in parliament for 1½ terms, I can list the following achievements. We have \$110 million for the Cleveland-Redland Bay Road duplication works. We have brand new ferry terminals on the way for our Southern Moreton Bay Islands. The \$44 million worth of ferry terminals will transform our region, particularly in terms of that arrival experience. It was great to be out with Minister Bailey to look at the works happening at Russell Island. The pontoon is done. It is down in Thornlands and it is creating local jobs. It is a fantastic project for our region.

Then I go to the schools. I have said in this place many times that education should be at the centre of everything that we think about. We have air conditioning and solar already up and running for all of our Redlands schools. I thank Minister Grace for that because that is an outstanding achievement being delivered well before time.

We will have a new southern Redland Bay state school, with \$60 million for that new school. An \$11 million new learning precinct for Victoria Point State High School is on the drawing boards at the moment. We have just completed an \$11 million learning precinct at the Redland District Special School, which I had the chance to visit with Don Brown. What a difference that is going to make to those very special students in terms of the education they get. There is a beautiful new music room, a beautiful new arts room and new classrooms. It is absolutely state-of-the-art. I am so proud of that project. We have delivered a new YMCA vocational school. Across all of our state schools, there have been upgrades—whether it is multipurpose courts, hall expansions, library upgrades and transformations or manual arts buildings. The list goes on in education. I have a list here as long as my arm. I could talk more about it but I only have 40 seconds left.

In health, we are delivering a \$50 million new hospital car park for Redland Hospital and a \$62 million new intensive care unit and additional beds for the wards. They are on their way and are being planned at the moment. We are delivering a \$40 million new satellite hospital for Redland Bay that will service my growing area. It will service the islands. It will provide an incredible opportunity for Redlanders to get the care they need closer to home. It is fantastic.

I look at the other things, and we are delivering a new fire station in Mount Cotton and we have an IndigiScapes upgrade. We have delivered so much.

