



Speech By
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APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL

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REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (3.11 pm): I rise proudly in this House to support the 2022-23 Palaszczuk government budget. Like everybody in here I am a proud Queenslander. I feel privileged to represent my community. We could do with a lot less talking down of Queensland from the opposition. Honestly, it is disappointing. We live in one of the most amazing places on the planet in every sense. We are part of the lucky country. We are the best state in the nation. We could do with hearing a lot more about what is great about our state.

This is the fifth budget that I have had the opportunity to be part of delivering. We have delivered fantastic services and projects out in the Redlands across that time. We are an absolute hive of activity from one end of the electorate to the other. I promised that I would always be a strong voice and that I would work hard and always fight. Every day is about working hard to make sure that you are continually securing the services and planning and being prepared and getting ready for the projects that you need. I have said in nearly every budget speech and I will say it again: a measure of success in this place is determined by the legacy ultimately left behind for our communities and the work we do today and tomorrow to secure the future for our communities and for future generations.

This budget means a lot for Redlanders and for future growth in our region. It continues to position us for the needs of today and for the needs of tomorrow. The Premier says very often that our brightest days are ahead of us. Our chamber of commerce says, and it is their hashtag, that the Redlands Coast has a bright future ahead. It most certainly does and this budget delivers on that.

I will go through some of the highlights. Health, wellbeing, community and caring for Queenslanders is central to this budget. For Redlanders that means \$25 million to fast track an extra 28 hospital beds. That is a 15 per cent increase on top of the \$62 million for the stage 1 expansion of Redlands Hospital that will see a new intensive care unit and 37 further beds. That is over 60 beds in total. That is fantastic news. On top of that there is a \$40 million satellite hospital. That will be ready to rock and roll in 2023. The steel is set to be on site in July. It is an absolutely fantastic project for our community. It will bring health services closer to my island communities. It will bring great health care to Redlanders when they need it most. In addition to that, towards the end of last year I secured an additional 11 QAS paramedics who will help service the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. There is a new ambulance ferry that is under construction that will be state of the art and will provide fantastic health care for the over 10,000 people who live across my island communities.

This budget is delivering for our neighbourhood centres. We all know how important those neighbourhood centres are to our communities. They provide an invaluable service. They are an intrinsic part of our community's fabric. That is great news. There is funding for the Gambling Community

Benefit Fund. I do not think there is anybody in this place who would disagree that that makes an enormous contribution to so many groups across Queensland. That is absolutely the case in the Redlands.

As I said, I feel absolutely blessed to live in the Redlands. It is so nice to see that we will be celebrating our First Nations people with the Quandamooka Art Museum and Performance Institute on Minjerrabah. That is worth noting. That will be fantastic for our community. There is continued investment in public housing. I have always said education changes everything. It is at the heart of our communities. As a regular attendee at our P&Cs and volunteer at school tuckshops on occasion I say to Minister Grace that our schools, our P&Cs, our volunteer conveners in the tuckshops and the kids are going to love what we are going to deliver in terms of upgrading those spaces. That is fantastic news. That builds on the air conditioning and the solar we have delivered ahead of time and on budget. There is not a teacher or a student who does not think that to be in a cooler school in South-East Queensland is the best thing since sliced bread. There is so much happening in the education space. The new kindergarten at Russell Island State School is transformative. It builds on the KindyLinQ project. It changes lives, it changes destinies.

The Palaszczuk government is focused on how we deliver for today and deliver for a better future. There is fantastic work happening in the Redlands. I have a new Redland Bay school coming as part of the new schools program for 2024. Thornlands State School will receive a \$550,000 upgrade to the AM block. We have work happening on Cleveland-Redland Bay Road and we are about to look at the stage 2 planning and design works from Anita Street heading down towards Giles Road in my growing community. There is absolutely fantastic work happening there. We are also looking at the other arterial road into the city because a lot of our people work in town. There is a planning study for Mount Cotton Road, Duncan Road to Double Jump Road and Redland Bay Road and Taylor Road. Then there is our \$44 million Southern Moreton Bay Island ferry terminals. The Russell Island ferry terminal is nearly completed and should be open by the end of the year. This is transformative for my community. There is so much happening right across the Redlands.

The regional jobs committee is doing amazing work in looking at our Redlands economy. The Skilling Queenslanders for Work program is absolutely fantastic. Our Redlands research facility run by DAF looking at hydrogen, looking at start-ups and the ecosystem around creating more jobs for Queenslanders is doing amazing things.

I will now talk about the Leader of the Opposition and his comments on planning. We have a bit of a problem in the Redlands. I know he is very good friends with our mayor. I would ask him to pick up the phone and ask her to do the housing strategy. We know that we have challenges in housing. If you do not plan for it, if you do not do the work for it then you do not plan well for the future. If you want to talk about planning and better housing, pick up the phone and ask the mayor to do that piece of work, as the Deputy Premier has asked her to do.

I have had the balance of my speech reviewed and approved by the Deputy Speaker for incorporation and as such I ask that the remainder of my speech is incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings*.

The speech read as follows—

Following is a detailed outline of our Palaszczuk Government's and my track record in delivering for Redlands and the works we will continue to deliver on.

Education

A New State School Redland Bay in our southern Redland Bay to open in 2024

\$9.4M Victoria Point State High School new learning building

\$500K Victoria Point State High School Science Building Upgrade

\$550K Thornlands State School Block AM Upgrade

\$109K Redland Bay State School Entrance Upgrade

\$500K in maintenance and minor works 2022-2023

Free TAFE for Year 12 Graduates

Free Apprenticeship and Traineeship Costs across 139 trades

Completed

Air conditioning and Solar for all our Redlands Schools

\$15M Redlands TAFE Revitalisation—nursing and trades

Macleay and Russell Island KindyLinQ program

New Russell Island State School Kindergarten
 \$500K OSHC Redland Bay State School + \$100k new shade structure
 \$500K OSHC Victoria Point State School and refurbished music and general classrooms
 \$125K Russell Island State School Playground
 \$125K Macleay Island State School Playground
 \$11M Redlands District Special School New Learning Precinct
 \$500k Macleay Island State School Admin and Library Refurbishment
 \$400K Russell Island State School Landscape works
 \$1.2M Russell Island State School Classroom Refurbishments
 \$1M Victoria Point State High School Library Upgrade
 \$2M Victoria Point State High School Hall Expansion
 \$1M Victoria Point State High School New School Fence
 \$600K Thornlands State School Refurbished Administration Building
 \$100k Thornlands State School Multipurpose Court Resurfacing
 \$1.6M Redland Bay State School New Buildings
 \$700k Bayview State School New Buildings
 \$400k Redlands District Special School New Buildings
 \$6M Cleveland District State High School new multipurpose hall
 \$3M Cleveland District State High School new manual arts building
 \$9M Cleveland District State High School new classrooms
 \$2.4M YMCA new Vocational School and Youth Hub
 \$3.9M Carmel College New Admin Building
 New School Crossings—Bayview, Macleay Island, Russell Island, Carmel College, Victoria Pt, Faith Lutheran Redlands College
 Transport and Roads
 \$110M Stage 1 Cleveland Redland Bay Road Upgrade
 \$44M SMBI Ferry Terminal Upgrades with Redland City Council
 \$4M South Coast Road Safety Program
 \$400K Redlands Transport Study
 \$900K Mt Cotton Rd, Duncan Rd to Double Jump Road, Redland Bay Road and Taylor Road
 \$30M Eastern Transitway
 Free SMBI Inter-island Travel
 Complete
 \$5M Old Cleveland Road Gateway Onramp Upgrade
 \$9M Victoria Point Bus Terminal
 \$9M Redland Bay Marina
 \$1M Moreton Cycleway Stage 1
 Jobs
 Skilling Queenslanders for Work
 Small Business Grants
 Redlands Regional Jobs Committee
 Partnership with QUT and investors for a new Hydrogen Pilot Plant
 Health
 \$40M new Satellite Hospital
 \$52M new 7 Level Hospital Car Park
 \$62M Stage 1 Hospital Expansion that includes new ICU and 38 ward beds
 \$25M new Ward—25 beds

\$6M Full Hospital Expansion—Detailed Business Case following on from Prelim + Master Plan

11 Additional QAS Paramedics to service the SMBI and new Ambulance Ferry

Complete

\$1.7M Redlands Hospital Emergency and Birthing Expansion

\$1.5M Hospital Expansion Preliminary Business Case

Hospital Expansion Master Plan

Redlands Hospital—Mental Health Living Edge Pilot

Redlands Hospital—SLAM Skin Cancer Facility

Community + Tourism

New Quandamooka Art Museum and Performance Institute

Increased Neighbourhood Centre funding

Gambling Community Benefit Fund—opportunities

Redlands Rugby League \$150K for new change rooms

Victoria Point Sharks Club \$150K for lighting upgrade

New Fire Station for Mt Cotton and serving communities in the west of my electorate

Complete

\$3M Social Housing ongoing

\$100K Donald Simpson Centre support

\$1.5M+ Community Benefit Fund Delivery—kayaks, ride-ons, storage sheds, club equipment, facility upgrades, sports lighting, turf and so much more.

\$1M+ New Maybanke Crisis Accommodation

Maybanke Additional Child Support Worker

\$2M IndigiScapes Upgrade

\$175k Macleay Island Bowls Upgrade

\$160k Victoria Point Sharks + VPSH Oval Upgrade

\$20K RedFest Sponsorship

2 x new Police Officers Russell Island

2 x new vessels—Police Barge and High Speed Jet Boat

New Stingray Police Vehicles

New Police QLITE Equipment

4 x Fisheries Patrol Officers

2 x New Fire Appliance—Russell Island and Lamb Island

Redlands Rapid Response Team—Homelessness

\$500k Centre for Women & Co. Domestic Violence Program Funding

Regional Arts Development Funding for local arts programs

War on Wreck Program 800+ vessels removed—significant number in Moreton Bay

New Maritime Enforcement Team—operating across Moreton Bay

Jet boats for tourism development

Coastal Erosion Funding to Redland City Council

Containers for Change Facilities