




Speech By
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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (7.10 pm): I rise to talk about the significant commitment of the Palaszczuk government in the Caboolture-Morayfield area, particularly when it comes to health investment, and the health investment is significant in the Caboolture-Morayfield area. Almost half a billion dollars is being invested directly into infrastructure improvements for our community.

The major redevelopment of the Caboolture Hospital is well underway. It is on track, due to be finished in 2024, and that redevelopment will see a massive reconstruction of the hospital as well as an expansion of services and capacity. It is going to have a multistorey car park with over 1,000 car parks. It is going to have a day chemotherapy unit, new clinical services, an intensive care unit, palliative care, cardiac care, more beds, more nurses, more doctors and an enhanced special care nursery—a significant investment and a great investment in the people of the Caboolture-Morayfield region in terms of not only the services available to them but also the job opportunities.

That leads me to acknowledge the significant contribution and dedication from the healthcare workers and professionals at the Caboolture Hospital—dedicated nurses, doctors, allied health professionals and also the support staff such as those in catering, the wardies, those who look after the grounds and keep the hospital running smoothly. I want to pay particular tribute to them, but that is not where the health investment stops.

There is also a satellite hospital underway in Caboolture. It is on track as well and is a significant investment in expanded service facilities and offerings in addition to the Morayfield Ambulance Station—a brand new ambulance station for our community. It is in the planning stage right now and we look forward to construction starting in the near future. These are very important services for a growing community—a growing community with more estates, more young families and more children coming to the area. That leads me to acknowledge on the permanent record a welcome to the world to my new son.

Honourable members: Hear, hear!

Mr RYAN: Gabriel Edward, or Teddy, was born about four weeks ago at a very healthy weight as my family has a tradition of delivering—that is, 10 pounds one. He does not beat the record of his older brother Flynn, who was 10 pounds 10, but is a welcome addition to our family. Just this morning my eldest son, Danny, said to me, 'Dad, we were hoping for a girl, but Flynn and I think we'll settle with the boy.' My three sons are very excitable young boys. We are very pleased to have them. I want to acknowledge the outstanding efforts that my wife, Holly, goes to in caring for them and putting up with me and, of course, the long hours that all of us as members of parliament contribute. We know that being a member of parliament is a vocation—it is a tough job—but we cannot do it without our families, and I am very blessed to have a very good and special family.