




Speech By
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Redcliffe Electorate

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (7.03 pm): Eight years ago today the people of Redcliffe had their say. It is an immense honour to be an elected member of parliament representing your community, and I once again thank the people of Redcliffe for putting their faith in me to represent them for the past eight years in the Queensland parliament. To all my branch members and supporters who came out to support me in the community, including at election time, I say thank you, and I thank them for their ongoing support.

Since the election of the Palaszczuk government, we have continued to restore frontline services and invest in the services that matter such as health, education, roads and community programs which benefit locals. While time does not permit me to mention all the wonderful things that have occurred in the Redcliffe electorate, I do welcome recent funding to our community for road infrastructure upgrades. This includes \$22 million of joint federal and state funding to upgrade the Redcliffe Road and Victoria Avenue intersection and the Elizabeth Avenue intersection and pedestrian crossing at Clontarf. Road safety is something we should all take seriously and I welcome this investment in our community.

There has been a raft of commentary regarding the future of Suttons Beach Pavilion. I agree with criticism that the council had not consulted the community on this issue properly. I am glad this is changing. This facility is owned and managed by the Moreton Bay Regional Council, and the future of the facility will ultimately be a decision of the council and the elected officials who serve within it; however, the decision should be guided by the community. As the member for Redcliffe and a local resident, I support the calls of the community who want to see our history and this building preserved. I welcome the willingness of the council to have a survey about this matter—it closes on 11 March—and their commitment to work with the community regarding the next steps after receiving the results from the survey and invasive testing of the building.

Redcliffe is a destination for many. Whether you are making a sea change or visiting for the day, the Redcliffe Peninsula is the place to be. I am pleased to hear that Redcliffe will be the home of the NRLW grand final in 2022 which will deliver more than \$1 million for Moreton Bay region businesses. The Moreton Daily Stadium is going from strength to strength and soon will be the home of the Dolphins as they embark on their NRL debut.

I have always said that our community is more than just a collection of suburbs; it is about our people. We have many amazing people, volunteers and community groups across the Redcliffe Peninsula who get up each and every day to support our community. To all of our local businesses, those mum-and-dad business owners who get up each day to keep the doors open, to run their business and to support local employment as well, I say thank you. I want to pay tribute to our volunteers and thank them for their tireless work. It is their selfless service which makes our community the best electorate in Queensland.