



Speech By  
**Hon. Yvette D'Ath**


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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**Dixon Frewin, Ms T; Jubair, Dr L**

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (10.04 am): I would like to start this morning by offering my deepest condolences to the family of Tammy Dixon Frewin, an Australia Day Citizen of the Year nominee and a much-loved mother, wife, friend and co-worker to her Queensland Health colleagues. Tammy was a cherished member of the Mackay Hospital and Health Service family. In her role as home and community care worker Tammy regularly transported clients to medical appointments in Emerald and Mackay. She developed close bonds with her clients during these trips and could often be seen sharing a laugh and a friendly chat with her colleagues. From all reports, Tammy's positive and infectious personality and her genuine care for others endeared her to clients, colleagues and the broader community.

Tragically, Tammy lost her life in a car crash while transporting a patient on the Peak Downs Highway. Tammy's approach embodied all that is best about the health system: respect and compassion for people under her care. Tammy understood that the delivery of the best possible care mattered and that it has a profound impact on communities. Days after the tragic incident my director-general, chief operating officer and I visited Clermont to meet with Tammy's colleagues, friends and family. I know the gravity of her loss has been felt deeply and profoundly by the Clermont community, including her husband and three sons. Whilst this is a difficult and painful time, I hope they take comfort from knowing how loved and respected she was and for the incredible contribution she made in helping others in need.

I would also like to express my condolences to the family of Gold Coast University Hospital Dr Luqman Jubair, who tragically lost his life in a drowning accident this month. Dr Jubair lost his life in the rescue of a struggling swimmer and tragically was himself dragged out to sea. Dr Jubair's bravery in this emergency is reflective of his compassion in his work as a medical researcher and doctor. He dedicated his life to helping others.

Dr Jubair was originally from Iraq. Upon arriving to Australia he requalified as a doctor and served our community through his profession. Dr Jubair has worked in the COVID-19 wards in West Moreton and most recently at the Gold Coast University Hospital. Dr Jubair was committed to serving the community and travelled to both New South Wales and Victoria to assist in their COVID response. He was involved in conducting world-first research using gene-editing technology to cure cervical cancer. This was hailed as a breakthrough in cancer research when it was published internationally in 2019. I am told that at the time of his passing Dr Jubair was finalising his training in oncology. Today is Dr Jubair's funeral. I am sure that I speak for everyone in this House when I say that I extend our sympathies and condolences to his loved ones.

Vale Tammy Dixon Frewin and Dr Luqman Jubair.