



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


**MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redcliffe Electorate; Ludwig, Mr WP, OAM

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (6.04 pm): There is nothing more important than having a roof over your head. The Palaszczuk government knows the important role social and affordable housing plays in our community. That is why I was pleased to be joined by the Treasurer and the Minister for Communities and Housing in Sutton Street, Redcliffe to announce 84 new social and affordable homes for our community. This exciting development will target over 55s and inject 60 social housing properties and 24 affordable housing properties in our local community. My office has been contacted by many people about the need for an increase in social and affordable housing in the Redcliffe community and their concern about the number of homeless people sleeping rough in the area. I am pleased to be able to deliver this important investment in our community with early works commencing later this year and tenants moving in from late 2024. This project is one of the first as part of the Palaszczuk government's \$1 billion Housing Investment Fund which will see an accelerated supply of thousands of social and affordable housing stock in Queensland.

In more great news for Redcliffe, the Palaszczuk government, through its Active Gameday Projects grants, has provided Peninsula and Districts Football and Sporting Club with a grant of \$87,159 to upgrade their lighting to a lux level of 100 to support football at Dalton Park, Clontarf. This builds on the government's commitment to local sport. Recently I was able to join the council, which co-funded the lighting upgrades at Filmer Park Oval, a great addition to the field that hosts the mighty Peninsula Cricket Club. We know that it is important for everyone, including our younger generations, to keep active and moving and these grants will support these great sporting clubs continue their work.

While I am on my feet, I want to pay tribute to the late Bill Ludwig OAM, the former state secretary of the Australian Workers' Union of Employees Queensland and national president of the AWU. My background is no secret. I am a proud member of the Australian Workers' Union. I started my advocacy career at the union as an industrial advocate. My time at the AWU was under the strong stewardship of Bill Ludwig, a man of great conviction, courage, determination and, indeed, warmth. Bill was a no-nonsense man. What you saw was what you got. People saw a tough giant of the Labor movement. I saw a compassionate and caring person, a person who was loyal to the bootstraps. He was passionate about workers' rights and getting a fair deal for his members, something that has been instilled in me. Bill was more than a boss. He was a mentor and a friend to me and will be sorely missed, and I know sorely missed by his family and grandchild as well. Mr Deputy Speaker, I know you had the pleasure of working at the AWU with Bill. My thoughts are with Bill's family and friends at this time. Vale, Bill Ludwig.