




Speech By
Hon. Yvette D'Ath

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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MOTION

Satellite Hospitals

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (7.05 pm): I would cheer that the member's time has expired, too. I move the following amendment—

That all words after 'House': be omitted and the following inserted:

1. commends the Palaszczuk government's record \$9.785 billion Health Capacity Expansion Program within the Queensland Health and Hospitals Plan;
2. notes the Palaszczuk government is delivering new and upgraded hospital and health facilities right across Queensland, including but not limited to:
 - (a) Redlands Satellite Hospital
 - (b) Caboolture Satellite Hospital
 - (c) Kallangur Satellite Hospital
 - (d) Tugun Satellite Hospital
 - (e) Ripley Satellite Hospital
 - (f) Bribie Island Satellite Hospital
 - (g) Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital
 - (h) New Bundaberg Hospital
 - (i) New Coomera Hospital
 - (j) New Toowoomba Hospital
 - (k) New Queensland Cancer Centre
 - (l) Cairns Hospital
 - (m) Hervey Bay Hospital
 - (n) Ipswich Hospital
 - (o) Logan Hospital
 - (p) Caboolture Hospital
 - (q) Mackay Hospital
 - (r) PA Hospital
 - (s) QEII Hospital
 - (t) Redcliffe Hospital
 - (u) Redland Hospital
 - (v) Robina Hospital
 - (w) The Prince Charles Hospital
 - (x) Townsville University Hospital
 - (y) Moranbah Hospital
 - (z) Bamaga Hospital

- (aa) Normanton Hospital
 - (bb) Pormpuraaw Health Facility
 - (cc) Tara Hospital
 - (dd) Cow Bay Primary Health Centre
 - (ee) Thursday Island Health Facility
 - (ff) Camooweal Primary Health Care Centre
 - (gg) Blackwater Multipurpose Health Service
 - (hh) Windorah Multi-Purpose Health Centre.
3. notes that these projects will progressively be delivered for the people of Queensland with patients being cared for in the best place for their needs;
 4. notes that the Palaszczuk government has already delivered new hospitals in Roma and Kingaroy; and
 5. condemns the member for Mudgeeraba for her comments regarding “dud” health workers in regional Queensland.’

In speaking to that amendment, can I say it is the Palaszczuk government that is investing in new facilities; it is the Palaszczuk government that is expanding hospital and health facilities in this state. It is the opposition that calls our health workers in regional Queensland duds and it will be an opposition party in government that will cut services. We have seen that very recently—as recently as last week when the LNP Leader of the Opposition said that they will cut waste. We have heard that before.

Mr Fumer interjected.

Mrs D’ATH: We know what that means. We saw it in the progress report from July 2012—cutting waste. What worries me even more is that the Leader of the Opposition says they are not going to cut government services; it is firmly off the table. What about Deaf Services Queensland? What about Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland? What about the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Health Service? What about Queensland AIDS Council? What about child and family therapy services? Those were all cuts they made last time they were in government. They are not government services. Are they on the chopping board? I bet they are.

What about Anglicare Central Queensland, Australian Red Cross Society, Vision Australia, Diabetes Australia, Stroke Association, Emergency Medicine Australia, Family Planning Queensland, Far North Queensland Rural Division of General Practice Association, GP Links Wide Bay, Toowoomba and District Division of General Practice, the Capricornia Division of General Practice, General Practice Queensland, Queensland Association for Healthy Communities and the Pyjama Foundation? They are all non-government organisations that had their funding cut by the LNP.

The Leader of the Opposition has not ruled it out. He says that they need to reduce waste. They are going to cut waste—exactly what they said back in 2012. They said they would employ more doctors and nurses and cut the waste in the health system. What did the Leader of the Opposition say a week ago? ‘Who would not want more doctors and nurses?’—but he talked about cutting waste. We have heard it all before. We heard it in 2012. The only contribution the opposition has is to argue about the name of satellite hospitals. That is their total contribution. They have a four-point plan with no money, no beds and no staff attached to it. That will allegedly fix the whole health system. The biggest contribution they have is to come into this place and argue about the name of satellite hospitals—not the services and not what we will be delivering but the name. It shows that they have no plan and that they will cut, sack and sell—

(Time expired)