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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (5.16 pm): I rise to speak to the estimates report for the Health and Environment Committee. I am delighted to be able to stand up here today and it is wonderful to follow the opposition members who talk so negatively about Queensland Health and the environment and all the money that is being invested in it. It is very interesting to follow the member for Southport, who spoke passionately about how terrible the health system was and that we do not do anything. May I ask a question. Why did he not ask one question during the health committee proceedings? What we had was the C team up there. We had the member for Broadwater's team. We had the member for Broadwater himself and the member for Mudgeeraba, whom we have already heard about. She likes to refer to health workers as 'duds'. I am sure the member for Southport would disagree with that. He spoke about how highly he regards health workers—as do I—but he did not say that at the time. He did not ask one question. That was all left to the others—to the C team, as I like to refer to them.

Queenslanders can always count on the Palaszczuk government to deliver record health budgets. Those opposite might like to listen to this so they can have an understanding about this, or maybe they need to have a lesson on reading budget documents. We have delivered a record \$24.2 billion, and that represents a 9.6 per cent increase on the 2022-23 budget. What does that mean for health? It means new ambulances. In the Wynnum Ambulance Station I have had a new appliance delivered. They have a brand new ambulance which has a lift on the stretcher which makes a huge difference to the paramedics who are out on the ground doing the work.

We are working very hard on our workforce attraction strategy. We are positioning the health system to meet the needs of today, so we continue to invest in our health system for that reason. My colleague the member for Capalaba touched on a subject that I have raised often in this House. To the member for Southport, you mentioned that this all happened eight years ago. Can I tell you that eight years is a drop in the bucket for the people who lost their parent's homes in the closure of the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit, so how dare you belittle that.

Mr Molhoek interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Hart): Member for Lytton, please direct all your comments through the chair and stop arguing across the chamber with the member for Southport. Member for Southport, stop arguing with the member for Lytton.

Ms PEASE: Thank you very much for your guidance. I remind the member for Southport and all the members opposite that, whilst they think eight years ago is a long time. It is not a long time; it is a drop in the bucket for someone who lost their loved one due to a forced move from their retirement home, their place of retirement—

Mr Molhoek interjected.

Mr Walker interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Southport, I just said stop interjecting. You are warned under the standing orders. Member for Mundingburra, you are also warned under the standing orders. You have had a good run, too.

Ms PEASE: It is not that long ago, and we have long memories. My community has a very long memory. We lost our Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit and our Mental Health Unit that also operated out of there. So many people lost their homes and many lost their jobs. We also lost our hospital service at Wynnum. Thankfully we were able to deliver the brand new Gundu Pa, which is a 24-hour primary care clinic. It has all the facilities and a range of health services that operate out of there. They will operate in unity with our rehab centre at Casuarina Lodge a few doors up and with our ambulance centre just next door.

May I also say how wonderful it is that our government has provided the land and transferred the title of the old Wynnum Hospital site to Winnam Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation for a new wellness centre. Out of despair and a terrible moment, something great has happened for my community simply because my government backed this organisation to deliver a residential aged-care facility that will provide in-place culturally appropriate aged care for residents. I am really proud of Aunty Becky and everyone who has been associated with that, and I am really proud to be part of the government that delivered that.

I would like to acknowledge also the great work we have done in the environment space. Simply talking very briefly on the Containers for Change scheme, it has raised a significant amount of money for the community—over \$10 million has gone to community groups. That is another great initiative of the Palaszczuk government.

Another great one which I do not have a great deal of time to talk about is the LiveMUM project which is technology that is used by the Ambulance Service to record big data from past incidents. I have run out of time.

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