




Speech By
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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.03 pm): Today is the third day of this sitting week, and that means there have been three opportunities for the Leader of the Opposition to demonstrate that he is doing politics differently in this place. We have seen no apology to the member for Mackay and no apology to the member for Ipswich in those three days. As the member for Redlands, I can speak from significant experience on the LNP's problem with women. When you look at what has come before, the former member for Bowman, Andrew Laming, did nothing but bully and harass. Everyone remembers the picture in the park and 'Skimmy & the Shirty Shovel'. Things have not changed for the LNP. Until they can own it when they have said something that is not appropriate, they will continue to have a problem.

Mrs Frecklington: You might like to look at the history of this morning.

Ms RICHARDS: I can tell the member for Nanango about the history in the Redlands. She only needs to look at the former member for Bowman's Facebook page to see the history. I will not be lectured to by the member for Nanango on this topic.

Last night I spoke of our track record versus the LNP's track record in the Redlands, on health care particularly. As I said last night, their candidate was extraordinarily delighted to stand beside me, along with the Minister for Health, at the sod turn for the satellite hospital. She loves that project. The LNP really do love that project. Today the current member for Bowman is out there lauding our project. It is fantastic news that the LNP are on board with our satellite hospitals, because it builds on what we are delivering and our track record. I put my five years next to the 10 years of the LNP any day of the week, particularly when it comes to education. I thank Minister Grace for all the work she has done to help me deliver for my Redlands community. Air conditioning and solar panels were delivered before time and on budget at every one of my Redlands schools. The Redlands District Special School—

Mr Brown interjected.

Ms RICHARDS: That is right, member for Capalaba; it is one of the pieces of infrastructure I am most proud to have delivered for my community—an \$11 million specialised learning space. There is \$11 million in a new STEM and hospitality building for Victoria Point State High School, investment in Redland Hospital and a doubling in our police force. When you throw out what you think you will campaign on as we head towards an election, you might want to look at my track record versus the track record of the LNP in the Redlands, because it is absolutely shocking and the comparison is stark. Take a look at our track record in roads and in transport. There are new ferry terminals for each one of my islands—\$46 million worth of delivery. This is unprecedented in five years. I will fight for my Redlands community every day.