




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR REDLANDS

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LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (3.40 pm): I am sure that if people were listening to the contributions earlier from the opposition they would shake their head in disbelief in hearing what was coming from that side. The sheer hypocrisy of what has been put forward by the opposition today is outstanding. Queenslanders should be rightly concerned by the budget response today by the Leader of the Opposition. It was Newmanesque in style. I was in the architecture industry before coming into this chamber. I can tell members of the decimation of the department of public works, QBuild. When they talk about project delivery, their track record in that space is beyond belief.

When we look at the one significant project delivered—which was 1 William Street—the Auditor-General reported pretty clearly on that. The land was sold under its value by about \$237 million and then the building was leased back on a fixed term to the government. What a sham deal for Queenslanders! When they talk about project delivery, we only need to reflect on their track record when they were in government.

I am really proud of this budget. I know how much concessions and rebates mean to our Redlands community. We have been talking a lot about that with people in our community. This additional money that will be provided to every household is amazing—\$550 for households, up to \$1,072 for those who are on eligible concession cards and \$650 for our eligible small businesses as well. I have spoken in this House many times that ultimately the legacy that you leave behind that secures our communities for today and positions them for future generations is what we are all evaluated on. I am extraordinarily proud that, in addition to the cost-of-living relief that our—

Mr Head interjected.

Ms RICHARDS: Member for Callide—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Order! Direct your comments through the chair.

Ms RICHARDS: Deputy Speaker, I am not taking the member for Callide's interjections.

I am really proud of the work we are doing in the health space. We have opened the new carpark that unlocks the site, as well as committed to commence stage 2, which will be a \$150 million mental health facility. That is going to be transformative for the Redland Hospital. It is building on stage 1, which has the ICU and 37 beds with ADCO—

Mr Head: Is that the fake hospital?

Ms RICHARDS: Honestly, that is so rude. We have stage 1. The additional 25 new beds that Hutchinson Builders are delivering have just been taken out to the site. That is over a 40 per cent increase in bed capacity that we will see at Redland Hospital. That builds on our \$78.9 million satellite hospital located at Redland Bay. It is going to deliver renal dialysis, chemotherapy, older persons care, consultant services in neurology, cardiology and more mental health services. I know the member for Callide does not like our satellite hospitals, but I would love to take the member for Callide to speak with a cancer patient who will be receiving chemotherapy at our satellite hospital and let's see how fake it looks as a hospital at that point!

I am absolutely proud of the work that we have done with our paramedics. We have delivered more paramedics in our region. Let's not forget that Queensland is one of the very few states in Australia that delivers free ambulance care to Queenslanders. When you talk about delivering in health, it is our Palaszczuk government that is delivering. I will sit my track record in health any day of the week next to that of the LNP. They closed the Wynnum Hospital. They closed the Barrett centre. They sacked nurses. Seriously, there is no comparison.

When it comes to road and infrastructure, I thank Minister Bailey profusely for the support that he has given me on the Cleveland Redland Bay Road. The LNP were not even going to start looking at it until 2025. We are delivering now on the ground the \$110 million stage 1 duplication, and this budget commits to the next stage—the upgrade from Anita Street to Giles Road—another \$80 million. That is fantastic news for my growing southern Redlands. That is excellent. We had a great time looking at the \$46 million ferry terminal project in the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

In education, the free kindy is absolutely outstanding. We are delivering for the state school on Russell Island. We are building a brand new Redland Bay state school out there. There is so much work going on out in the Redlands whether you are talking about health, education, roads, jobs, concessions or supporting our communities. I am extraordinarily proud of this budget. It is absolutely outstanding. It positions our community for the future. Thank you very much to everybody who has supported our Redlands community.

The Acting Speaker has reviewed and approved my speech on the budget for incorporation. As such, I ask that the remainder of my speech be incorporated into the *Record of Proceedings*.

The speech read as follows—

Over the past five and a half years, together we've achieved a lot and below details our great work! Our Palaszczuk Government will continue delivering for all Redlanders.

Education

PROGRAMS

Free Kindy

Kindy in the State School—Russell Island

Bay Island Early Learning Centre—Early Learning Program funding

Fee Free TAFE

Additional support for School Breakfast Programs

Textbook and Resources Allowance

Skilling Queenslanders for Work—Running Wild (\$500K)

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

A new \$68M State School in our southern Redland Bay set to open in 2024

A new \$5.9M Prep and Kindy Learning Precinct and new classrooms at Russell Island State School

A new Student Engagement and Tuckshop Precinct—Cleveland District State High School

\$644K in maintenance and minor works 2023-2024

PROJECTS COMPLETED

Airconditioning and Solar for all our Redlands Schools

\$11M Victoria Point State High School new Technology and Hospitality Precinct

\$500K Victoria Point State High School Science Building Upgrade

\$1M Victoria Point State High School Library Upgrade

\$2M Victoria Point State High School Hall Expansion

\$1M Victoria Point State High School New School Fence

\$15M Redlands TAFE Revitalisation—nursing and trades

\$500K OSHC Redland Bay State School + \$100k new shade structure

\$500K OSHC Victoria Point State School and refurbished music and general classrooms

\$125K Russell Island State School Playground

\$125K Macleay Island State School Playground

\$11M Redlands District Special School New Learning Precinct

\$500k Macleay Island State School Admin and Library Refurbishment

\$400K Russell Island State School Landscape works

\$1.2M Russell Island State School Classroom Refurbishments

\$550K Thornlands State School Block AM Upgrade

\$600K Thornlands State School Refurbished Administration Building

\$100k Thornlands State School Multipurpose Court Resurfacing

\$109K Redland Bay State School Entrance Upgrade

\$1.6M Redland Bay State School New Buildings

\$700k Bayview State School New Buildings

\$400k Redlands District Special School New Buildings

\$6M Cleveland District State High School new multi purpose hall

\$3M Cleveland District State High School new manual arts building
\$9M Cleveland District State High School new classrooms
\$2.4M YMCA new Vocational School and Youth Hub
\$3.9M Carmel College New Admin Building and Hall
New School Crossings—Bayview, Macleay Island, Russell Island, Carmel College, Victoria Pt, Faith Lutheran Redlands College

Transport and Roads

PROGRAMS

Free Inter-island Ferry Fares for Southern Moreton Bay Island residents and visitors

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

\$80M Stage 2 Cleveland Redland Bay Rd Upgrade—Anita Street to Giles Road
\$110M Stage 1 Cleveland Redland Bay Road Upgrade—Magnolia Street to Anita Street
\$46M SMBI Ferry Terminal Upgrades with Redland City Council
\$400K Redlands Transport Study
\$900K Mt Cotton Rd, Duncan Rd to Double Jump Road, Redland Bay Road and Taylor Road
Resurfacing Colburn Avenue Victoria Point

PROJECTS COMPLETE

\$30M Eastern Transitway
\$4M South Coast Road Safety Program
\$5M Old Cleveland Road Gateway Onramp Upgrade
\$9M Victoria Point Bus Terminal
\$9M Redland Bay Marina
\$1M Moreton Cycleway Stage 1

Health

RESOURCES

More nurses, doctors, allied health professionals and paramedics

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

\$150M Stage 2 Redland Hospital Expansion—new Mental Health Facility
\$62M Stage 1 Hospital Expansion that includes new ICU and 38 beds
\$25M Redland Hospital new 28 Bed Ward
\$78M new Redlands Satellite Hospital
New Queensland Ambulance Service Ferry
New Virtual Queensland Hospital

PROJECTS COMPLETE

\$52M new 7 Level Hospital Car Park
\$6M Full Hospital Expansion—Detailed Business Case following on from Prelim + Master Plan
11 Additional QAS Paramedics to service the SMBI
\$1.7M Redlands Hospital Emergency and Birthing Expansion
\$1.5M Hospital Expansion Preliminary Business Case
Hospital Expansion Master Plan
Redlands Hospital—Mental Health Living Edge Pilot
Redlands Hospital—SLAM Skin Cancer Facility

Community + Community Safety

PROGRAMS

Concessions and Rebates, including electricity rebates to ease cost of living pressures
New Redlands High Risk Team to support victims of domestic and family violence
Increased Neighbourhood Centre funding
Gambling Community Benefit Fund
Fairplay Sports Vouchers
Regional Arts Development Funding for local arts programs
Containers 4 Change Facilities
War on Wreck Program 800+ vessels removed—significant number in Moreton Bay
Maritime Enforcement Team—operating across Moreton Bay
Redlands Rapid Response Team—Homelessness

PROJECTS UNDERWAY

\$108K Redlands Netball Association for court resurfacing
\$11M new Fire Station for Mt Cotton Road
Redlands Housing Diversity and Supply Strategy

PROJECTS COMPLETED + ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Funding for implementation Queensland Marine Rescue
2 x new Police Officers Russell Island

2 x new Police Officers Macleay Island
2 x new vessels—Police Barge and High Speed Jet Boat
New Police Vehicles and Mobile Police Beat
New Police Equipment
4 x Fisheries Patrol Officers
2 x New Fire Appliance—Russell Island and Lamb Island
\$1.5M+ Community Benefit Fund Delivery—kayaks, ride-ons, storage sheds, club equipment, facility upgrades, sports lighting, turf and so much more.
\$150K Redlands Rugby League for new change rooms
\$150K Victoria Point Sharks Club for lighting upgrade
\$160k Victoria Point Sharks + VPSH Oval Upgrade
\$175k Macleay Island Bowls Upgrade
\$3M+ in Social Housing and Temporary Crisis Accommodation
\$1M+ additional Maybanke Crisis Accommodation
Maybanke Additional Child Support Worker
\$2M IndigScapes Upgrade
\$500k Centre for Women & Co. Domestic Violence Program Funding
Coastal Erosion Funding to Redland City Council