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ADJOURNMENT

South Ripley Satellite Hospital; Ipswich Show

 **Mr McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (7.15 pm): Yesterday I was very proud to welcome the Premier and the health minister to inspect the progress of our brand new South Ripley satellite hospital at Barrams Road. This new satellite hospital will include a minor injury and illness clinic, mental health specialists, consultation rooms for up to 800 appointments per week, oral health services, BreastScreen services, and medical imaging and diagnostic services.

In addition, we are also delivering a new 90-bed subacute non-urgent facility next door to the satellite hospital. This facility is going to provide additional health care like rehabilitation, aged care, palliative care and interim care. It is an absolutely fantastic addition to our local healthcare network, just like up the road where we are building a brand new \$11 million ambulance station right in the Ripley Valley. This is going to be a purpose-built base for our local West Moreton District office and 17 Queensland Ambulance Service officers as well as the officer in charge.

These new services and the facilities are going to be brilliant additions to our local healthcare network, which is also going to be boosted by a \$710 million expansion of the Ipswich Hospital, which is going to add another 200 beds as part of the stage 2 expansion. It was wonderful to hear the Premier today announce the awarding of the contract for that expansion of the Ipswich Hospital. It is going to include a new purpose-built acute clinical service building, a new emergency department—an improved emergency department—six additional operating theatres, satellite medical imaging services and a new central sterilisation service. It is absolutely brilliant. It is clear that our rapidly growing local community can rely on the Palaszczuk Labor government to deliver the services that our growing community needs.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who supported our 150th Ipswich Show last weekend. That includes the Premier, the Deputy Prime Minister and, of course, my fellow Ipswich MPs. I was very proud to be at the show for all three days chatting to locals about our booming Bundamba community and all that it has to offer. It was great to catch up with a host of businesses, schools, community groups and not-for-profits that included Goodna State School, Wounded Heroes, Imbibis Craft Distillery and the Ipswich Historical Society.