



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Caboolture Satellite Hospital

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (7.21 pm): This government has a very strong record when it comes to delivering services and new infrastructure, particularly in the Caboolture region, a very fast-growing region in Queensland. It was a great honour to attend the official opening of Australia's very first satellite hospital, which was held on 31 July in Caboolture. It was attended by the Premier, the health minister, the member for Pumicestone, the member for Bancroft and myself. What a significant investment that is in community health infrastructure but also obviously in health infrastructure generally. It shows this government's strong record when it comes to delivering the services and the infrastructure that communities need. The Caboolture Satellite Hospital is certainly a significant additional service for the people of the Caboolture region.

I am very pleased that when Queensland Health were designing the services to go into the satellite hospital they consulted the community, they spoke to stakeholders and they took on board that feedback. As a result of that very good community engagement work the Caboolture Satellite Hospital will be open from 8 am to 10 pm. It will have a minor accident and illness centre to treat things like fractures, minor infections and other minor matters. The late closing is of great benefit to working families obviously, but also to people generally who need to access those low-acuity services in the community.

I am also very pleased to see a significant expansion of oral health services in the Caboolture region as a result of the satellite hospital. The capacity of oral health services provided by Queensland Health in the Caboolture region is essentially doubling with the most amazing state-of-the-art technology. When I went in and inspected the satellite hospital oral health facilities I was blown away by the level of investment, the technology and also the capacity that will be delivered through this satellite hospital service.

It will also include mental health services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health services and sleep services—sleep studies for people of the Caboolture region to help those with sleep apnoea and other sleep disorders. It is a significant investment in health infrastructure and a significant investment in health services. It is only this government that delivers that—the very first satellite hospital in Australia delivered in Caboolture. I have always said to people that Caboolture is No. 1 and we proved it once again with the satellite hospital being the first in Australia opening in Caboolture.