




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Redcliffe By-Election, Anniversary

 **Hon. YM D'ATH** (Redcliffe—ALP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (7.04 pm): This evening it is a pleasure to rise in this adjournment debate. It is a special anniversary for me: nine years ago Redcliffe voted for change. It was the Redcliffe by-election on 22 February 2014. I once again thank everyone who came out—people from right across Queensland who came to Redcliffe—to help, and I acknowledge members in this chamber for that. However, I particularly want to acknowledge the public servants who came out that day: the doctor who turned up in his scrubs with his stethoscope and stood next to us in front of the cameras and said to the Premier and me, 'We stand with you,' because of the attacks that they went through under the Newman government and the firies who were called 'fakes' on pre-poll and election day.

Mr Powell interjected.

Mrs D'ATH: I hear the member for Glass House laughing at that. They were real firemen who do a tremendous job and they were called 'fakes'. In fact, the then premier Campbell Newman walked up to them and asked what number they were and what station they worked at so he could follow up, and I know some of them did get those calls afterwards. It was atrocious. Staff were petrified. Public servants were petrified. NGOs were terrified to associate with anyone from Labor because they feared their funding. They were actually threatened that funding would be stripped away from them. Then there was the atrocious behaviour of the former member Scott Driscoll, who ended up sentenced to imprisonment.

People still remember, but what they remember most is how they were treated by the Newman government. Only last week I had someone say to me, 'I was Newman-ed.' They still remember. Health workers still remember. I thank the people of Redcliffe for supporting me over those nine years and prior to that for the six years as the federal member. I know that the opposition recently came to Redcliffe for two days and the Leader of the Opposition said that he was there to listen to the people of Redcliffe. They might have been listening to the people of Redcliffe for two days; I have been listening to them for 15 years. I know my community and I am thrilled that we delivered the rail line—

Honourable members interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Lui): Order, members! Order!

Mrs D'ATH:—worth over \$1 billion and I know—

Mr Bailey interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Miller, order!

Mrs D'ATH:—that the Abbott government dropped that—

Honourable members interjected.

Mrs D'ATH:—rail line when it was elected. There was the millions of dollars put into—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Miller, you are now warned under the standing orders.

Mrs D'ATH:—Redcliffe Hospital with the MRI and the CT and millions of dollars into our schools. They are all air conditioned. They all have solar thanks to the Palaszcuk government. There has been investment in our special schools and investment in our roads. We are building a safe pedestrian crossing now for Clontarf Beach State High School and there is so much more to come, including a billion dollars to duplicate the Redcliffe Hospital.