



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MANSFIELD**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (8.54 pm): I was a little sad to interrupt as I wanted to give the member the courtesy of continuing. Tonight I rise with immense pride to share a significant milestone in our south-side community—the opening of the Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital. With a \$65.4 million investment, this facility will commence operations at 8 am on Monday, 27 May 2024. It marks a significant step towards better health for our southern Brisbane residents by providing exceptional free healthcare services right at our doorstep.

The Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital or Maroo-goodji-ba—forgive me, member for Cook—features a minor injury and illness clinic, kidney dialysis, cancer day therapy, outpatient consultation rooms, and advanced medical imaging and diagnostic services. I certainly acknowledge the Premier for the progressive, strategic and intelligent concept of satellite hospitals and his great vision. Thanks to health minister Shannon Fentiman's dedication and the Treasurer's nation-leading coal royalty tax initiative, this project became a reality.

The Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital will open from 8 am to 10 pm and will respond to non-life-threatening conditions efficiently. This investment is part of the Queensland government's nation-leading \$377 million Satellite Hospitals Program, providing quality urgent care in our rapidly growing regions. Alongside other satellite hospitals in Kallangur, Redlands, Ripley and Tugun, the Eight Mile Plains facility stands as a testament to the success of that program, offering prompt, efficient and cost-free treatment to thousands of Queenslanders.

Our Labor government's dedication to health care goes beyond this facility. As part of the \$14 billion Big Build, we are investing in major expansions at south-side hospitals: 249 more beds at the PA and 112 new beds at the QEII hospital to meet the needs of the additional 25,000 residents expected to settle in Brisbane's southern suburbs in the next decade. I am honoured to represent the Mansfield electorate, which will greatly benefit from the new satellite hospital. Our Labor government is steadfast in its commitment to providing better healthcare options closer to home.

In stark contrast, at the last election the LNP's infrastructure plan did not contain a single new hospital ward, a single new bed, a single ED expansion or a single extension to health services. The threat to cut nursing jobs and potentially shut down or privatise essential services is very real in my community as 1,370 locals lost their jobs when the LNP last governed Queensland, and my community will not forget. I am proud to be part of a government that has delivered 3,700 new nurses and midwives to date. We need our Labor government to support our health system.

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