



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR LYTTON**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Lytton Electorate, Representation**

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.09 pm): Baysiders will never forget nor will they forgive the LNP for the punishment that was dished out to them under the Newman-Crisafulli government. What is worse is that the LNP Lytton member at that time did nothing—zilch. He was not a lion for the Bayside. He was not even a sheep. He was a mere lamb. In fact, he did not speak up for the Bayside against the LNP's brutal cuts to my community. Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit, Wynnum Hospital, child safety, housing, tenancy advice, CMHRA and mental health services—all gone with the stroke of a pen wielded by those opposite.

The Bayside will never again make the mistake of electing another LNP yes-man—or boy, should I say; another obedient little lad. Baysiders know that even if the LNP do manage to form government, which is still a very big 'if', they need and demand a strong local voice. They need someone who will stand up for them and fight like hell for the Bayside. Baysiders know that I will be there in November, standing at the gates of Wynnum Road, defending the Bayside against the LNP's history of brutal cuts not just to health services but also to our schools, police, roads and jobs. The LNP gutted the Public Service. Fourteen thousand people lost their jobs due to this crowd.

I compare that to Queensland Labor's record of building satellite hospitals and community health services and, of course, legislating nurse-to-patient ratios. That is just a small portion. I am so proud of Labor's record for Queensland and I am proud of my record for the Bayside. Since 2015 I have worked tirelessly to rebuild local health services and undo the damage done by the LNP through their cuts to my community. I have delivered millions in funding for the new ambulance station and, of course, the Wynnum-Manly Community Health Centre, Gundu Pa. I have delivered palliative care beds and rehabilitation beds. They were all gone under that mob. Gundu Pa restores many but not all of the local health services that we lost. The facility includes a 24-hour primary care clinic, breast screening and a range of other services. However, there is still more to do. I look forward to working with my community to discover what services we want for the Bayside.

If the LNP form government, they will again gut local Bayside health services and they will again gut schools because that is what they did last time. Our health workers and our teachers do a brilliant job in our community and we need more of those workers, not less. We cannot risk local job cuts under the LNP. I am proud to be a Queenslanders.