




Speech By
Kim Richards

MEMBER FOR REDLANDS

Record of Proceedings, 15 February 2024

PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Redlands Electorate

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.15 pm): With respect to the contributions we just heard from the member for Kawana and the member for Clayfield, if you think about what the member for Toowoomba South said in terms of past performance is the best indicator of future performance, what you have seen today is six members of the LNP punted from this chamber for bad behaviour. So I would totally concur: past performance is a very good indicator of future performance. You can put that in the light of what our government is doing to deliver, particularly out in the Redlands.

When I think about the last six years, versus the 10 years before that where it was LNP representation, Redlanders can be assured that past performance is a very good indicator of future performance. On education, we have just opened the brand new Scenic Shores State School—what a fantastic, lovely school. Principal Hendriks is absolutely amazing, as is Deputy Principal Bunce. The students were so thrilled to be there. They already have a strong P&C up and running. We have delivered so much in the education space such as air conditioning for all of our classrooms, which the LNP were not going to look at until 2026. We have been consistently meeting our obligations and delivering for our community. We have a new \$11 million STEM and hospitality building at Victoria Point State High School. We have built an \$11 million new learning precinct at Redlands District Special School. We are delivering free kindy right across Queensland. We are delivering kindy in the state school at Russell Island. We have unique locations with very tailored and specific responses for my community. The work that has been happening in the education space is unparalleled to when the LNP were in government. Look at their track record. In regards to the Alexandra Hills TAFE, they will talk about the box men that came in getting ready to close that facility down, yet it is delivering incredible training opportunities, particularly in the health space.

Talking about the health space, you have never seen the amount of investment as that which has occurred in the Redlands in the last few years. The satellite hospital, as we have heard today, is taking pressure off the Redlands emergency department. We did an expansion at the emergency department. We opened the new lagoon ward there at the back end of last year. Construction of the new intensive care unit and additional bed wards is underway with ADCO. We have employed more doctors and more nurses. Again, when you talk about past performance, the past performance of the LNP is to sack nurses, to sack frontline healthcare workers. Therefore, I do not take this nonsense that the LNP is proposing. They try to rewrite their history. They try to rewrite their past performance and Queenslanders know better.

Mr Hart: Rewriting history is what Labor does.

Ms RICHARDS: No. You cannot rewrite your history, member for Burleigh. You cannot rewrite your history—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Direct your comments through the chair, please.

Ms RICHARDS: The member for Burleigh cannot rewrite the LNP's history in the Redlands—he cannot—whether it is health, education, transport, infrastructure—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Time has expired.

Mr Hart: The truth is the truth.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Ms RICHARDS: The truth is the truth.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!