



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR REDLANDS**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Redland City Council, Election; Redland Hospital

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.03 pm): After Saturday, a wave of relief washed over the Redlands with the incredible victory by Jos Mitchell who has taken out the mayoral position. I cannot tell you the number of people I spoke to on Sunday who were so relieved to see that result, which was overwhelmingly in favour of Jos and the campaign that she ran over 14 months. I thank every Redlander for making sure that world balance was kept in place for all of us. I would hate to imagine for even a moment what the alternative would have looked like.

A huge congratulations to Jos. She ran a fantastic campaign. She was out for over 14 months. She met with so many different community organisations. She ran a campaign that was about connecting with community and building confidence, trust and faith that she will work hard to restore integrity after what was an absolutely dysfunctional council under Mayor Williams for the past close to two years. Again, I give her my heartiest congratulations. I also congratulate Wendy, Lance and Paul on their re-elections, which is terrific. As I know the member for Capalaba is, I am really looking forward to working with somebody who is actually focused on delivering for our community because we know that by working together we will always deliver more and deliver better. There are really exciting times ahead for the Redlands.

On polling day I had the chance to be at Victoria Point State School, which was quite an interesting space to be in. It was really lovely that the student council established their own democracy sausage sizzle. They did a fantastic job. I am ashamed to admit that I ate three sausages on the day. Well done to Summer, Jason and all of the students who ran the whole day. They did a terrific job.

I want to finish by mentioning that today I noticed a little thing pop up on my Facebook page. It was a fake petition campaign run by the LNP on our Redland Hospital. I am sure that the member for Springwood will concur that we are delivering in the healthcare space. We have opened the new Lagoon Ward. Maybe when you take the video you might want to walk around the corner from the front doors and see ADCO Constructions going gangbusters on delivering our new intensive care unit and 37 beds. I know the member for Oodgeroo will follow me in this debate. I can tell you that your fake petition is nothing more than that.

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

**Ms RICHARDS:** I am sorry, Deputy Speaker. It is a data harvesting exercise. You only need to walk around the corner to see how well advanced ADCO is on our new intensive care unit and additional 37 beds, which will build on our Lagoon Ward. Hutchinson Builders did a fantastic job. I do not take the nonsense of the LNP and their suggestion that work is not happening at our Redland Hospital. We will keep delivering for Queenslanders.

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