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Cost of Living, Electricity Rebate; Redlands Satellite Hospital

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.03 pm): What a great day for all Queenslanders! The \$1,000 rebate for every Queensland household will make an incredible difference. I know the difference the \$550 rebate made to Redlanders.

Mr Hart: What will happen next year when the bill comes?

Ms RICHARDS: The only threat to rebates into the future is the LNP. The LNP have already made it clear what they will do with energy assets. The LNP have already made it quite clear what they will do when it comes to progressive coal royalties that Queenslanders deserve to be the beneficiaries of.

Mrs Frecklington: Don't mislead the House.

Ms RICHARDS: I am not misleading the House. It is pretty clear what could potentially happen under an LNP government. The \$1,000 rebate means a lot to Redlanders. I am extraordinarily proud to be part of a government that is helping take cost-of-living pressure off our communities. That is a fantastic announcement today for all Queenslanders.

When we talk about the work that we do and the things that are important, health care always comes up. I know what the opposition's position has been on satellite hospitals from the get-go and the potential risk to our satellite hospitals if the LNP is elected. I received an email from a constituent which states—

Good morning Kim Richards MP.

Re: Redlands Satellite Hospital—10 out of 10—Great staff and outstanding facility.

Anzac Day 2024, I attended the above facility for treatment for a laceration.

Firstly, I would like to wholeheartedly thank Dr Ailsa McKenzie for her professionalism and care provided.

The Redlands community is very fortunate to have her and the other staff working on a day when many other businesses were closed.

Reception staff were very pleasant and efficient. Shortly after registering I was called in for treatment.

Entire facility was spotlessly clean.

Patient drop off and car parking facilities were well planned and convenient.

I'm so full of praise for this facility but I'm unable to adequately detail it in words.

Government funding for this facility is money very well spent.

Thank you to all involved from planning to completion for providing such a first class facility.

They ask if I could please pass on my thanks to the health minister's office and all of the teams involved in delivering care for our communities.

Our Labor government delivers for Queenslanders. That is in very stark contrast to the slick, slippery slogans of the LNP. I have seen their boards: 'Revive Redland Hospital'. I have not seen one commitment nor one piece of planning or policy on how you are going to make a difference to Redlanders when it comes to health care.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Through the chair, member.

Ms RICHARDS: We are delivering an intensive care unit with 38 beds. It is well under construction with Adco. One only need look at the video footage to see that coming out of the ground right now. We have delivered the new 28-bed Lagoon Ward with Hutchinson Builders—a fantastic addition that is taking pressure off our emergency department—in addition to the satellite hospital. It is only the Labor government that will continue to support Queenslanders, whether that is through rebates or health care.