




Speech By
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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (9.40 pm): We in this chamber should be doing everything we can to support our veterans. The Treasurer has just stepped out of the chamber, but can I say what an absolute delight it was to host the community cabinet in Redlands. It was incredible to doorknock with the Treasurer and Minister de Brenni. It was absolutely awesome. They came and listened. When we talk about authentically listening and genuinely taking on board the issues of locals, that is absolutely what the Miles Labor government does every day of the week.

If anybody had the chance to watch *A Current Affair* last week, they would have seen my Redlands peeps live and large. Patti and the Grundys were on *A Current Affair*. I am thinking about singing because they did. That was the thing. They were talking about the car-parking issues down at Weinam Creek. I spoke about this issue in my maiden speech and I have spoken about it during the many years that I have represented our community, but today I will sing—

Patti and the Grundys, I have some great news for you

We've got \$80 million coming right for you.

On top of the \$15 million that we have already committed to Weinam Creek, an extra \$80 million will be delivered to build that car park if the Miles Labor government is re-elected. I know how important that car park is to our Southern Moreton Bay Islands community and to everybody on the mainland. Two or three times a week I find myself chasing that elusive car park. I say to our amazing island community and everybody in the Redlands: I will never stop advocating for you. I will be the hardest fighter you have witnessed. If I am re-elected, I will have \$80 million to add to the \$15 million already allocated to deliver the car park, and we know how important that is. I encourage everybody to jump on to *A Current Affair* and watch Patti and the Grundys talk about how important that car park is to them.

That leads into our 50-cent fares and the difference they are making to our community. Mary, one of our Southern Moreton Bay Islands locals, said that 50-cent fares are putting \$180 back into her pocket every week. If I multiply that by the number of people on Macleay Island, Russell Island, Karragarra Island, Lamb Island and now Coochiemudlo Island—they got 50-cent fares on Monday, because we listen and we deliver—that is a huge saving. I am proud of everything our Miles Labor government does and I encourage everyone to 'vote 1 Kim Richards' come the next election.

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