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**MEMBER FOR OODGEROO**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER STATEMENT**

**Redland Hospital, MRI Machine**

 **Hon. AJ STOKER** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (2.57 pm): It is my great pleasure to rise to thank the 2,311 Redlanders who have joined my campaign for us to get an MRI machine at Redland Hospital. Right now, when a patient at Redland Hospital needs this type of imaging they face a difficult scenario. A nurse gets taken off a ward and they are bundled into a patient transport ambulance, or into a taxi oftentimes, and they are shipped over to Logan Hospital, QEII or PA—wherever there is availability. They have the imaging done. They are bundled into that transport and sent back to Redland Hospital. The consequence is inconvenience and discomfort oftentimes for that patient as well as a reduced level of care for those people who remain on the ward because that nurse is no longer available to be helping out. Oftentimes more than one nurse is engaged in public transport at a time which has quite a significant impact on the care that is available for locals. It is really important that we get this investment, and I am so thankful to everybody who has joined the campaign so far.

It is really good to see that Redland Hospital is growing, and in many ways it is overdue. For decades the Redlands has been expanding, and our little country hospital just has not expanded sufficiently to keep up. The Amity Ward is now open, recruiting is underway for the new ICU that will shortly be up and running, and we have a budget commitment to a new mental and allied health building with 20 additional dedicated mental health beds. We need those services so much in the Redlands, but our next step—an MRI—will deliver better access to health care where we live.

For those Redlanders who have not yet joined the campaign, please get on board and help me to make the most compelling possible case for this investment. You can join by adding your name to the petition and becoming a part of it so that we can get ever better health care for those of us who work in, live in and love the Redlands.