



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR OODGEROO**

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 **Hon. AJ STOKER** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (2.39 pm): One in four beds at Redland Hospital is being occupied by stranded Redlanders, patients who no longer need hospital care and should be discharged but cannot be because they are waiting for a place in aged care or disability care. The 60 beds at Redland Hospital that are affected stop our doctors and nurses from being able to move patients through emergency and onto the wards, which adversely impacts the wellbeing of the affected patients. This affects 1,126 patients right across the state—enough people to fill a hospital the size of Royal Brisbane every single day.

The LNP Crisafulli state government is doing its bit to deal with our local need, and I am so grateful for these investments. We have had a commitment for an expanded transit lounge, for a new mental and allied health building with additional beds, for investment into MRI and even for an extra ambulance. Aged care and disability care are clear federal responsibilities, and it is time for the federal government to play its part for our stranded Redlanders.

Huge congratulations are due to the year 12 students who are graduating this week from our local schools. I had the pleasure of joining Wellington Point State High School recently, and Cleveland District State High School students will have their ceremony today—big congratulations to them. Ormiston College and Redlands College, whom I will join tomorrow, round out our local schools.

Well done, students, on reaching this important milestone. I really enjoyed celebrating with you at local ceremonies. All of the very best for your next steps. Stay safe and make good choices if you are doing schoolies. If you need them, the Red Frogs are there to give you a hand. If you are struggling with the transition to the next chapter of life, remember to reach out to your family, to Lifeline or to Beyond Blue. Help is within reach, and there are lots of reasons for you to be hopeful about what is next.

When I came into this role, it was apparent to me that the bus services on North Stradbroke Island were not meeting the needs of our community, particularly given the higher demand that 50-cent fares had driven. Parents told me that they were concerned for the safety of their children, who were often left at the Amity interchange for long periods without phone reception, safety cameras or even much shade or water. Huge fluctuations in visitor numbers meant too many passengers were left waiting during peak times, souring their experience in a manner that was damaging to future tourism. The lack of connection between Dunwich and One Mile meant that many visitors were not seeing all that Dunwich has to offer.

I am really pleased to say that, after listening to locals, changes are on the way from 1 December. The 880 bus from Dunwich to Point Lookout will have the daily addition of an earlier and a later trip to help staff get to work. There will be 41 additional services every week and a further 91 weekly services during peak and holiday periods. The 881 bus will now connect Amity Point to One Mile, bringing QUAMPI into the transport network, with 112 extra services every week.