



Speech By  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Mansfield Electorate, Weather Events; Nurse-Led Clinics**

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (9.00 pm): I begin by acknowledging the Mansfield electorate community for their resilience and strong community spirit during ex-Cyclone Alfred. Neighbours checked in on one another. People pitched in to fill sandbags. They supported local business and helped elderly residents clear their yards. I highlight the Friendly Grocer, a local business that showed its community spirit by leaving the icebox unlocked, allowing residents in need to take ice as they required it.

On behalf of my community I extend my heartfelt thanks to Energex, the SES and the many community volunteers who worked tirelessly before, during and after the cyclone. I commend the parents who, in the midst of the disaster, were juggling cleaning, work and getting children back to school, many with empty fridges and no power. I know that the work is far from over and there is still much to be done. People continue to clear water from their homes, pull up carpets, mend fences and clean up. However, I know that we are a resilient community—one that comes together in times of need. I am eager to return to my electorate and support our recovery alongside everyone else.

I now turn to a concerning issue raised by my community regarding the Mount Gravatt nurse-led clinic. The LNP has proposed reducing the clinic's operating hours from 8 am until 10 pm to 8 am until 6 pm and slashing staffing roles. This would severely limit access to free after-hours health care, forcing more residents to get help at already overwhelmed hospital emergency departments. In my community, the Mount Gravatt nurse-led clinic is essential for families, seniors and workers who need timely health care. I have spoken with clinic staff and they are understandably very worried about job security and the future of the clinic. Those staff members are very passionate about the important service they provide to our community and they do not want to see it cut.

David Crisafulli promised Queenslanders that there would be no cuts to the health system, but the LNP has already reduced hours and staffing at the Gladstone nurse-led clinic and now both the CBD and Mount Gravatt facilities are heading in the same direction. I call on the LNP to provide assurances that there will be no cuts to the hours and no job losses at the Mount Gravatt nurse-led clinic. I will continue, as will my community, to fight against cuts to free health care closer to home as the people of my community deserve so much better.