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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Women's Health Week**

 **Mrs KIRKLAND** (Rockhampton—LNP) (9.09 pm): I rise tonight to shine a light on an issue that affects countless women across our communities yet remains too often overlooked. Next week marks Women's Health Week, and I am proud to be partnering with Qendo to host two important events in the Rockhampton electorate. On Monday evening we will host 'Beyond the symptoms: a clinical approach to endometriosis and pelvic pain'. Then on Tuesday morning we gather for 'From flux to flourish: a journey of perimenopause through to postmenopause'.

These events will feature expert speakers sharing clinical insights and evidence-based strategies. We will connect attendees with local service providers and support those affected by chronic pelvic pain and menopause. We will equip patients, loved ones and healthcare professionals with tools to advocate for even better care, foster a safe, welcoming space for open conversation and share our understanding. Both sessions are designed to inform, connect and empower. These topics of endometriosis, pelvic pain and the journey through menopause are deeply personal to me. I will be sharing my own story at these events, not just as a representative but as someone who has lived through all of these experiences.

I want to thank Jessica and Ash from Qendo for partnering with me for Women's Health Week and thank our guest speakers for standing with me to raise awareness and foster change. Their voices and the voices of all who will be attending are helping to break the stigma that surrounds these conditions. No-one should have to go through this alone, trust me. Let's make Women's Health Week a turning point for awareness, advocacy and action.