




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Wynnum Community Place

 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (9.15 pm): It is no secret that the Premier is ruthlessly attacking our most vulnerable Queenslanders. So much for a fresh start! We know that this heartless Premier is cutting \$45 million from homelessness services, at a time when homeless rates have increased by 13 per cent. It is sadistic, and the Premier's mask is now off.

I will share another heartless story. We have a caring and inclusive community in the bayside, with lots of wonderful organisations that support our baysiders. I have proudly worked for over a decade delivering infrastructure, health, education and services, including a fully funded community service—the Y Hub. During the election the LNP pretended to care about vulnerable people and chose to attack my record of standing up for vulnerable baysiders and other service providers. Their nasty, desperate campaigning cynically latched onto Wynnum Community Place, an organisation that was unsuccessful in its tender for community centre funding. I did not dignify their attacks on me; however, a promise is a promise and if my community will benefit then I am all-in.

In a media release dated 9 October, the LNP promised \$500,000 if they were elected to government. It states—

The LNP will save Wynnum Community Place ... if elected on October 26.

It said they 'would commit \$500,000 in new funding to ensure the service's survival and provide certainty for its operation over the next two years'. This is a new low—using vulnerable people for political gain. How disgraceful, but that is how the LNP operate. Now we all know that their pre-election commitment was a cheap stunt.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 9 October 2024, titled 'LNP announces it will save Wynnum Community Place in Lytton' [126](#)

WCP was set to open its doors on 7 January 2025. This did not happen. WCP stated that its doors would remain closed until promised government funding came through. Where is it, you may ask? I wrote to the Premier on 6 January, asking him to honour his funding promise—no response. I wrote to the Premier again on 24 January seeking certainty for my community—again, surprise, no response. Third time lucky: I wrote to the Premier again on Tuesday this week—42 days since I first asked him for clarity. Guess what? I have received no response. I get the picture. I will not keep bothering him to keep his promise, but I will hold him and this mob over here to account every day. The Premier has shown us who he really is. He has shown me his lack of compassion—

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