



Speech By Kerri-Anne Dooley

MEMBER FOR REDCLIFFE

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ADJOURNMENT

Redcliffe Hospital, Hospital Rescue Plan

Ms DOOLEY (Redcliffe—LNP) (9.09 pm): I rise tonight to support and endorse the health minister's Queensland Hospital Rescue Plan announced last week which will see an additional 210 beds added to my Redcliffe Hospital. The year man landed on the moon was the year I was born at Redcliffe Hospital. My first job as a registered nurse was at Redcliffe Hospital. Two of my four children were born at Redcliffe Hospital. Multiple members of my family work at Redcliffe Hospital. Redcliffe Hospital. Redcliffe Hospital is in my DNA, and it is at the very heart of my electorate.

Since the minister's announcement and release of the independent Sam Sangster review, there has been radio silence from the opposition, including the member for Bancroft and the member for Sandgate, who led a desperate and disgraceful scare campaign. Redcliffe Hospital was first opened on 1 July 1965. It was one of five public hospitals in the Metro North Hospital and Health Service. Redcliffe Hospital currently has 250 beds. We have seen the population growth in the past two decades in surrounding suburbs like North Lakes and Mango Hill upwards of 30,000—one of the fastest growth areas in Queensland. Labor had a decade in government to deliver the critical upgrades that Redcliffe Hospital needed, but they did not.

Thank you to the executive director, Cang Dang, and to the incredible 1,600 health professionals, doctors, nurses, allied health, administration and ancillary staff who work hard every single day to provide critical healthcare services. To encourage positive staff culture at Redcliffe Hospital, their wellbeing team introduced a campaign #iamredcliffe. I am proud to join them saying, '#iamredcliffe.'

I want to congratulate Dr Alan Yan, Director of the Redcliffe Hospital Emergency Department, on his recent appointment to Chair of the Metro North Clinical Council. The LNP Crisafulli government made a commitment to put more clinicians front and centre of decision-making for our HHSs. Dr Alan Yan is an excellent choice. He is a familiar face at Redcliffe Hospital. I am 1,000 per cent committed to seeing the delivery of additional clinical services that my community needs. I look forward to the redesign process to ensure we get it right and to ensure we have increased clinical care for the people of Redcliffe.

(Time expired)