




Speech By
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MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Redcliffe Hospital, Hospital Rescue Plan

 **Ms DOOLEY** (Redcliffe—LNP) (2.45 pm): I rise today to speak about a matter of importance to my community of Redcliffe, and that is the LNP Crisafulli government's Hospital Rescue Plan to ensure that the delivery of the Redcliffe Hospital is fit for purpose for the ever-increasing needs of our community. I want to thank the health minister for outlining and confirming in his ministerial statement this morning that the upgrades to the Redcliffe Hospital will be delivered contrary to the carry-on by the member for Bancroft and those on the left.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Order, members on my left! I cannot hear the member speaking because of all the interjections, which are not being taken.

Ms DOOLEY: Thank you to the minister for outlining these changes in the redesign process. The Queensland Hospital Rescue Plan is the biggest investment in Queensland's hospitals that we have ever seen.

I have often described Redcliffe as a geographical hug and the Redcliffe Hospital as its beating heart. Thank you to the incredible 1,600 health professionals, doctors, nurses, allied health, administration and ancillary staff—of which some are members of my own family—who work hard every day to provide critical health care.

Under Labor's failed capacity expansion program, there was an emerging significant cost blowout of over a billion dollars. The independent Sangster review found extensive evidence that the planning and execution lacked in many critical areas—poor planning, business cases were not completed prior to announced projects and projects were developed without consultation or including clinicians' recommendations. The review found that every project in the CEP—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Redcliffe, just pause for a minute. Members, there is too much general noise in the chamber, including from the member for Theodore and the member for Morayfield chatting across the aisle.

Ms DOOLEY: Contractors and subcontractors were required to apply BPICs—a major contributor to the project cost blowouts and delays, resulting in low productivity—

Mr Smith interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Bundaberg, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms DOOLEY:—and cost blowouts of \$54,000 a day. The review found every project was underfunded, delayed and could not deliver the critical services needed.

What will our Redcliffe Hospital rescue plan deliver? It will deliver another 210 overnight beds; maternity, endoscopy and new operating theatres; a design that ensures the safety of nurses and doctors and healthcare workers; better use of the site to maximise service delivery; and more car parks—up to 494.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Redcliffe, just pause for a minute. Members on my left, I have already cautioned you once. If I continue to hear your interjections, which are not being taken and are designed to be disorderly, you will be warned.

Ms DOOLEY: Last week I had the honour of representing the Minister for Health at the Redcliffe Hospital's length of service awards. It was wonderful to see doctors, nurses and allied health staff recognised for their care, work and service at the hospital. There were over 270 awards presented for 10, 15, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. There were three awards for staff who had worked over 40 years at Redcliffe Hospital or Queensland Health combined. Huge congratulations to Julie Hooper, Susan Mills and Russell Reilly, who received their 40-year awards. It is an outstanding achievement and a testament to the culture of the hospital in retaining their staff for such a length of time. I worked with Julie 30 years ago at the hospital when I first started as a new RN, and here she is still caring and still supporting patients in their time of need. Well done all! While acknowledging staff, I also want to congratulate Redcliffe Hospital's Assistant Professor Dr Joel Dulhunty, Director of Research, on winning Queensland's 2025 Emerging Philanthropist Award.

In closing, I want to advise the House that tomorrow is our annual Raise it for Redcliffe Giving Day, hosted under the banner of the RBWH Foundation. I invite all of Redcliffe to attend the activities being held at the hospital tomorrow. Recently I visited the Redcliffe palliative care unit to see the refurbishments that Raise it for Redcliffe has funded. I want to acknowledge all of the efforts of staff and our community towards this. Later this month Redcliffe Hospital will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a gala ball. All of the staff who have worked at the hospital over six decades are invited to celebrate. I look forward to joining the celebrations both as a former staff member and the proud state member for Redcliffe.