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 **Ms DOOLEY** (Redcliffe—LNP) (5.38 pm): I rise today, privileged and proud to be the member for Redcliffe—a community I was born into and have served since I was 16—to deliver my first speech in response to the budget. I thank Treasurer David Janetzki for his fiscal responsibility and vision for Queensland. I thank Premier David Crisafulli for charting a course to a better future and Queensland for all. Our community of Redcliffe—from Clontarf, Woody Point, Margate and Scarborough to Kippa-Ring and Newport—is full of remarkable residents who tell me that they want a safer, stronger and more prosperous Queensland. That is exactly what the Crisafulli LNP budget is delivering.

Every week and every day when I am out and about in my cherished community, whether it is cheering on my mighty Redcliffe Dolphins, standing in solidarity with Moreton Bay Says No to Violence or visiting local schools, kindies and sporting clubs, I hear people's concerns, hopes and frustrations. I advocate here for what they expect from our government.

Redcliffe, like all of Queensland, is still reeling from the consequences of crisis after crisis left behind by the former Miles Labor government: youth crime, cost-of-living pressures, a struggling health system, a broken child safety system and a housing crisis. This budget is our opportunity to reset—it is our fresh start—and I am proud to be part of the Crisafulli government delivering for Redcliffe and Queensland.

We are building three new hospitals and upgrading 10 more. We are investing in 4½ thousand new health workers in the next year alone. This means more nurses, more doctors and more paramedics on the ground. For Redcliffe that will mean another 210 beds, with new operating theatres so people can get their surgery sooner. I will continue to fight for dedicated mental health beds so that those who need care close to home can receive it. After years of Labor's neglect our health system needed action, and that is why the health minister has delivered the Hospital Rescue Plan.

We are also cutting ambulance ramping, with a \$1 billion boost to the Queensland Ambulance Service, and funding nine new CT scanners and six new MRIs across the state. More free health care is being delivered under our Easier Access to Health Services Plan, and surgical waitlists are being tackled head-on through expanded elective surgery through Surgery Connect, partnering with the private sector, so that people like Russell Clay from my electorate can get his surgery on time.

This budget has confirmed again the money needed to deliver the 210 beds for Redcliffe Hospital, which was underfunded by the failed Labor capital expansion plan. They were wasting \$54,000 a day paying for their CFMEU buddies to do nothing, due to failed consultation. Under the LNP's Hospital Rescue Plan, we will listen and redesign the hospital, taking on board the clinicians' recommendations for how the hospital should be designed to deliver safe and efficient health care. We will also fund and deliver new car parks at Redcliffe Hospital as part of our Hospital Rescue Plan. The expression of interest has gone out in the last few weeks.

This budget also provides a clear plan to tackle crime and restore safety across our peninsula and Queensland. We are delivering 1,600 new police recruits and tougher laws, including Adult Crime, Adult Time and Jack's Law, ensuring repeat youth offenders face real consequences and victims are put before perpetrators. Enforcement alone is not enough. Funding new early intervention and rehabilitation programs is vital—like the Redcliffe Area Youth Space and Edu Space, which is an innovative program. We have committed \$2 million to make sure that some of our most disadvantaged teens are steered away from a life of crime.

We are also investing \$44 million—I thank the police minister, Dan Purdie—to upgrade our Redcliffe Police Station. Under Labor, it had raw sewage coming through the walls due to no funding for building maintenance. In 30 years they have tripled in size—all squeezed into one tiny building. Actually, I think the police minister said when he came to visit that it was the same as when he worked there; nothing had changed. We welcomed that announcement. We are also giving our frontline officers state-of-the-art tools—body worn cameras, stronger ballistic vests and tasers—to protect their community but also themselves. I give a shout-out to all of the hardworking police officers at Redcliffe Police Station.

This is a budget that delivers for Redcliffe by backing local community and sporting groups with our Games On! program. These groups are the beating heart of our peninsula. There will be lighting upgrades for the Dolphins Soccer Club and Peninsula Power. I acknowledge the advocacy of Craig Feuerriegel, president of Peninsula Power, and Ginette Barrett from Dolphins Soccer Club, who had copper stolen from their lights last year. This boost will make a difference for kids like Bronte who play and train at night and need the new LED lighting.

We are supporting women's changing rooms at Redcliffe Tigers—I thank president Gayle Wetzel for her unfailing advocacy; upgrades to Bramble Bay Bowls Club for a new cover and green; a new Wood-Mizer for the Redcliffe and District Woodcraft Society; funding for Kippa-Ring kindy's bike track; support for Miracle Mums Movement, who are delivering wellbeing workshops for survivors of domestic and family violence—I commend founder Lou Feltham Smith for using her experience of domestic violence to now empower other women through peer support workshops; new theatre stage funding for Mousetrap Theatre Company; new boards and security system for our incredible volunteers at the Redcliffe Peninsula Surf Life Saving Club, who keep Suttons Beach safe and deliver a fantastic nipper program; and for my old primary school, Humpybong State School, who are celebrating their 150th anniversary next year, upgrades to the tuckshop, safer bus shelters and a drop-off zone to ensure students are kept safe going to and from school. I take this opportunity to thank again the amazing P&C at Humpybong, who do an incredible job.

We are also ensuring that people can get home safely, after a tragic death this year at the deadly Miller Street and Elizabeth Avenue intersection, with transport and road upgrades. We are delivering \$7.5 million for congestion busting and safety upgrades at the Anzac Avenue and Elizabeth Avenue intersection to make sure people get home safely to their families.

For those who are experiencing homelessness in Redcliffe and around Queensland we are delivering the Peninsula Support Hub, in partnership with the City of Moreton Bay council. This is a safe, central base to better deliver services with the Salvation Army and the Breakfast Club Redcliffe, supporting our most vulnerable and disadvantaged.

Soon we will be opening 82 one-bedroom units of social and community housing for those over the age of 55, in partnership with the Brisbane Housing Corporation; we are locking in the 20 per cent uplift in funding for our specialist housing services, like Encircle's HOAP program, which deliver emergency housing; and supporting the vital Homeless Health Outreach Team, in partnership with the City of Moreton Bay council, which also supports those sleeping rough with mental health issues. To help get people into their first home, we are abolishing stamp duty for first home buyers and providing our nation-leading Boost to Buy scheme.

Redcliffe families are doing it tough. That is why this budget focuses on putting money back in their pocket. Public transport fares are now permanently 50 cents. There are also \$200 Play On! vouchers for kids—contrary to what those on the left have said, this was first an initiative of the LNP back in 2012—and the \$100 Back to School Boost for every school student towards school items. One of my favourites as a registered nurse is the free health checks for all kindy kids. This will help children like Wayne, who was thought to have behavioural issues but was found to actually have profound deafness. Due to kindy health checks, he has been able to get hearing aids. These are practical, real-life savings that matter.

We are also getting on with big projects that keep Queensland moving, like the major Bruce Highway upgrades. We are investing \$4.7 billion to deliver the 2032 games. Closer to home, the LNP Crisafulli government is investing in projects around the City of Moreton Bay that many of my residents

in Redcliffe will benefit from: a new wildlife hospital and education hub at Dakabin; \$60 million for a new Moreton Bay TAFE centre of excellence that will help with education and tradie training, which many of my Redcliffe residents will use; and \$3.75 million for a new SES depot at Deception Bay. We also have Zero Litter to the Bay to keep our beautiful Moreton Bay and the shores around Redcliffe free from litter and plastic.

This budget focuses on making our community safer, delivering a place to call home, driving down cost-of-living pressures, delivering more free health care and building the generational infrastructure that we need. This budget is delivering for my beloved Redcliffe and for all of Queensland.