

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 519**

**Asked on 25 May 2022**

**MR S BENNETT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES (HON Y D'ATH)—

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise (a) if the Minister is aware that the Agnes Water and 1770 community does not have a hospital or any health services infrastructure within 125 kilometres, and has 2.5 full-time equivalent GPs to support a population of up to 6,000 and (b) advise of any plans to roll out further health services and health services infrastructure for the Discovery Coast region to keep up with the growth in population?

### **ANSWER**

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring Queenslanders have access to care closer to home with a strong track record of building and expanding hospitals and delivering health services for regional Queensland.

Enhancing the current health services provided in the Discovery Coast region is a strategic priority for Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service.

The Department of Health has recently supported an application from Wide Bay Hospital and Health Service to the Commonwealth Department of Health for the establishment of a Multi-purpose Health Service (MPHS) in Agnes Waters.

The establishment of a MPHS will provide an opportunity to deliver health and aged care services to the Agnes Waters and Miriam Vale communities. The application is being considered by the Commonwealth Department of Health.