



Speech By  
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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

### **Ormiston State School; Redland Hospital**

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (2.30 pm): I rise to oppose state government cuts to health and education in the Redlands. It has been my pleasure to join with my school communities over the last almost 10 years to fight for their needs—Bayview State School's indoor auditorium and flashing school lights, which are now completed; the Cleveland High indoor auditorium, which is at final construction stage and is soon to be opened; and the new learning centre to come.

One of the ongoing education challenges due to growth in Redland City taking the population past 150,000 people is at Ormiston State School. I have argued over the years that two demountable buildings need to be replaced by permanent buildings. Sadly, it has been brought to my attention that the government is not replacing those two buildings but instead is planning to take them away. The two demountable buildings have become a vital asset since they were installed in 2013, but the school is now being told that these buildings will be taken away from it by 2019. They will be cut.

The school community is worried about what these cuts to the school mean. Cutting the schoolrooms will place pressure on some of the classes currently being taught. They have been used to support a wide variety of learning needs and interests such as instrumental music, physical education, languages and science. While all of these areas are important, questions are being particularly asked about why this government would cut a STEM program from primary school students. I call on the education minister to reverse her decision to cut the classrooms and the STEM and other programs and construct permanent buildings, which are needed.

Another concern is the future of the palliative care beds at Redland Hospital. The LNP opposition became aware through Queensland Health sources that (1) the government was planning a statewide palliative care review and that the review included Redland Hospital, despite statements to the contrary by the minister and local Labor MPs, and (2) as part of the review they were looking at removing the five palliative care beds from Redland Hospital.

Sadly, the health minister has refused to publicly confirm the future of the beds at Redland Hospital. He has been asked on several occasions—through the budget process, at Health estimates, through social media, in a letter from my office and now in a follow-up question on notice. On each occasion the minister has ducked and weaved and never answered the question regarding the future of the Redland Hospital beds. I call on him again to answer the question about whether they are considering cutting the palliative care beds at Redland Hospital. It is something that Queensland Health has said is underway and being considered. Today I call on the government to stop the cuts to our local hospital and stop the cuts to our local school.