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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR FORDE

Beenleigh Centrelink Visit

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Speaker, as you know, the role that **Services Australia** plays in our community is vitally important, especially since we, as a country emerged from the pandemic over the last two and a half years or so.

Now more than ever, members within the community are vulnerable and need assistance, sometimes in ways we struggle to understand.

As the Member for Forde, I have been committed to opening the lines of communication between various community groups in the electorate and that includes Services Australia, Medicare and Centrelink who are almost our neighbours near my electorate office..

Speaker, I had the pleasure of taking my entire electorate office to meet with **Lisa Mills** and her team from the **Beenleigh Service Centre**, which has recently been renovated, giving our community a calming space to get their queries resolved quickly & more efficiently.

The main reason for the visit was to not only introduce our teams to each other, but to also ensure that any issues that had been raised by my constituents were heard, resolved or escalated if it's needed...

At our meeting, Lisa & I reaffirmed our commitment to a monthly catch-up to go through any issues either of our teams have, furthermore strengthening the relationship between our two groups.

Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to thank **Services Australia** and Lisa and her team at the **Beenleigh Service Centre** for the hard work they do within our community each and every day.

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