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**YFS CEO Changes
[90 SECOND STATEMENT]**

Deputy Speaker, **YFS** is a unique, place-based organisation that provides a wide range of services and opportunities for people in **Logan** and the surrounding areas within the **Forde Electorate**.

And I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge their outgoing CEO **Cath Bartolo AM** who has announced she'll be stepping down from her role as **CEO** after more than 20 years...

Cath Bartolo is a name well-recognised in the community, because she's built **YFS** into a dynamic organisation, which has achieved outcomes for so many of our people in the electorate.

Cath has been a passionate advocate for the people of **Logan**...

To use her own word Cath says, '**everybody needs a chance**'.

Deputy Speaker, I have always admired Cath's unwavering passion for her community. She has achieved an incredible amount in the past two decades, including her **OAM** for significant service to youth, social welfare, and the community..

Cath will continue as **CEO** of **YFS** until the end of June and will work with their incoming **CEO – Christopher John** who brings with him over 17 years' experience in the non-for-profit sector.

I'm confident he'll build on Cath's work, retaining the **YFS** values, and I'd like to wish both Cath & Christopher all the best as they embark on the next chapter of their professional lives....

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