

**LIZ MacLEOD — EAST METROPOLITAN HEALTH SERVICE**

*Statement by Minister for Health*

**MS A. SANDERSON (Morley — Minister for Health)** [1.17 pm]: I rise to inform members of the house that Liz MacLeod, chief executive of the East Metropolitan Health Service, has announced her resignation after almost seven years of dedicated service. Ms MacLeod worked above and beyond during the COVID-19 pandemic, having assumed the role of the chief executive lead for Western Australian public hospitals, in addition to her chief executive role at the East Metropolitan Health Service. She will depart from the role in early May.

Ms MacLeod has long been recognised for her outstanding contribution to the public service. In 2021, she was named Leader of the Year Working within a Division, Team or Organisation at the prestigious Institute of Public Administration Australia WA Achievement Awards. With more than two decades of experience in the management of health care, including health service operations, strategic healthcare planning, policy development, and planning and implementation of reform, her depth of knowledge will be sorely missed. As testament to Ms MacLeod's leadership skills, she helped to establish the East Metropolitan Health Service as a statutory authority in 2016. She has also been instrumental in delivering key projects for the betterment of the Western Australian community, including the East Metropolitan Health Service's innovative and multi-award-winning service HIVE, or Health in a Virtual Environment, and Royal Perth Hospital's \$10 million new heliport, as well as its \$29 million new intensive care unit, to enable first-class care for the sickest people in the community.

Further, she has made a lasting mark in delivering significant mental health services within east metro. That includes Western Australia's first transitional care unit within a public facility, Bidi Wungen Kaat Centre at St James. That groundbreaking 40-bed residential mental health service focuses on prevention, rehabilitation and recovery, delivering care and support to enable consumers to step back into the community.

Under her strong leadership, the Armadale Kalamunda Group last year opened WA's first day hospice within the public health system at Kalamunda Hospital. As the name suggests, it provides respite and support to palliative care patients being cared for at home but who could benefit from some additional support as they manage a life-limiting illness. The hospice is staffed by a specialist team of nurses, allied health professionals and volunteers who care for up to 10 patients every day.

Significantly, Ms MacLeod, in leaving EMHS, has ensured a solid foundation for two other landmark future projects that will really make their mark in delivering world-class health services in the local community—the proposed Byford Health Hub and the Bentley Surgicentre. In addition to the above achievements, in 2017 the organisation was named one of three equal winners of the Most Outstanding City Hospital Award at the inaugural Australian Patients Association awards, which are based on patient feedback and experience on the association's social media website.

On behalf of the WA government, I sincerely thank Ms MacLeod for her dedication and commitment to the public health system and her drive and enthusiasm to deliver the best possible care for our WA community. We wish her well in whatever her future holds.