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Nurse-patient ratios leading healthcare

Increasing nurse to patient ratios has made Queensland among the world's leading health carers, the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said today.

Ms Lauga will host a "thankyou" morning tea for about 30 staff at the North Rockhampton Nursing Centre on July 9, and the issue of nurse-to-patient ratios is sure to be discussed.

"The Palaszczuk Government is pleased and proud to have supported patient safety by legislating minimum nurse-to-patient ratios.

"This was a historic decision and puts Queensland well up on the ladder of global healthcare standards."

Since July 1, 2016, nurse-to-patient ratios have been prescribed in acute, medical and surgical wards across 27 Queensland public hospitals, guaranteeing minimum staffing levels and improving patient care.

"I continue to work with the Queensland Nurses and Midwives Union towards mandated minimum safe staffing requirements to be rolled out across all nursing and midwifery services in Queensland – public or private or aged care.

"In November 2019 the Palaszczuk Government passed legislation to establish minimum nurse-to-patient nursing hours for Queensland's 16 state aged care facilities.

"I'm pleased to be able to meet with many aged care staff on Thursday and personally thank them for their care and dedication," she said.

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