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Hervey Bay Electorate

Mr TANTARI (Hervey Bay—ALP) (6.35 pm): In the last month, I have had the pleasure of announcing further services coming to Hervey Bay. They come thick and fast under the Miles government. Last week, I was excited to stand alongside Minister for Health, Minister Fentiman, at the Hervey Bay Hospital to announce the delivery of another 24 beds for the Hervey Bay Hospital. This is above and beyond the 35 beds announced with the expansion of the Hervey Bay Hospital's emergency building. In other great news for health services in Hervey Bay, 60 extra staff will be employed at our great hospital. These are great wins for the people of Hervey Bay. The new beds announced coupled with the previously announced 35 beds will bring the total of new beds to 59 in the general hospital that will come online to service the community of Hervey Bay. This is on top of the 22-bed mental health unit opened earlier this year and currently being used to service our patients. All up, that is a total of 81 beds in only a very short period for the Hervey Bay community.

All this just flies in the face of the misinformation being peddled by the other side who fly into Hervey Bay for their five-minute doorstep out the front of the hospital with their LNP candidate, forlorn faces pointed towards any camera they can find, to talk down Hervey Bay and peddle absolute mistruths about the hospital. This is insulting to our hospital staff. The LNP only stands for slick slogans and misinformation. They think the people of Hervey Bay are silly enough to have forgotten what they did to our regional health services when they were last in government. More upgrades and new services have happened at our hospital in the last 3½ years—since I was elected in late 2020—than happened in the 11 years and four terms the LNP were in charge in Hervey Bay. That amounted to very little.

Crickets was all the people in Hervey Bay heard from the other side when the 11-year and four-term member was spending his time here talking about God knows what. I think the member for Maryborough has often expressed in here what the former member spoke about. He certainly was not talking to ministers about getting infrastructure and services in Hervey Bay—not even during the time his side was in government. The people of Hervey Bay all know what happened during that time; it was cut, sack and sell.

I would also like to thank the Minister for Fire and Disaster Recovery, Minister Boyd, for coming to Hervey Bay last week to announce that the land for our brand new, state-of-the-art fire and rescue station has been secured. The new station to be located on land on Doolong Road and Main Street will be a game changer for Fire and Rescue Services officers who work in the current station on Torquay Terrace that has reached its use-by date. For our community, this means a facility that will cover the enormous growth in Hervey Bay now for many years to come. I thank Jason McCloskey and his colleagues, particularly the firefighters union, for their advocacy for this new station. I told them we would deliver this new state-of-the-art station and that has been done. I look forward to it being built and in service as soon as possible. As always, Labor governments deliver whilst the other side just cut, sack and sell.

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