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Dear Ms Pagani

Thank you for providing the Miles Labor Government with the Angel Flight and HeartKids' joint proposal for *Indigenous Heart Health Australia - An integrative model*.

Our Labor Government led by new Premier Steven Miles has delivered historic cost of living relief for all Queenslanders. By making multinational mining companies pay their fair share we have delivered \$1,300 off every Queenslanders' power bill, 50 cent public transport fares, cutting rego by 20%, free Kindy, free TAFE, we banned rent bidding, cut stamp duty for first home buyers and delivered \$200 FairPlay vouchers for all Queensland families to help with the cost of kids' sport.

The Miles Labor Government recognises the hard work and advocacy of Angel Flight and HeartKids in addressing childhood-onset heart disease and conditions such as Rheumatic Heart Disease (RHD). The prevalence of RHD in Queensland is unacceptable, which is why in March 2022, we released *the Ending Rheumatic Heart Disease: Queensland First Nations Strategy 2021-2024*.

The Miles Labor Government is the only political party with a dedicated plan, backed by investment, to reduce the impact of acute rheumatic fever (ARF) and RHD in Queensland. The strategy aligns to the evidence based National RHD Endgame Strategy and the blueprint to eliminate RHD in Australia by 2031, with five key priority areas:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander leadership;
- community based programs;
- healthy environments and primordial prevention;
- early prevention and effective care; and
- support for those living with ARF/RHD.

Implementation of the strategy is supported by the development and implementation of state-wide and regional plans (Torres and Cape, Cairns and Hinterland, North West and Townsville). Key initiatives in Far North Queensland include increased First Nations Health and Environmental Health positions to support primordial, primary and secondary prevention efforts; a Healthy Housing program; and co-designed, localised and culturally relevant prevention and engagement campaigns with health workforce education and skin health programs in high priority communities.

We are seeing results. Queensland cases of rheumatic heart disease in 2023-24 were 30 per cent lower than 2022-23, and Queensland cases of acute rheumatic fever in 2023-24 were 28 per cent lower than 2022-23.

In contrast, David Crisafulli and the LNP have outlined no vision other than to cut – projects, jobs and essential services. Mr Crisafulli is a risk to Queensland and he will cut what matters to Queenslanders, just like the LNP did last time. In fact the LNP cut \$36.4 million in annual funding from 153 health service projects run by Non-Government Organisations when last in government.

We look forward to continuing to work with you, if elected in October, to reduce the rate of cardiac disease in regional, rural and remotes communities across Queensland.

Yours sincerely



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