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Mr LAMING (Mooloolah—LP) (6.49 p.m.): The coalition addressed the health challenge by delivering sound budgets to dramatically increase capital works funding. Not only was the total capital works budget addressed across the State and across all departments but, because of their growth, areas of particular need received extra attention. Capital works associated with the Nambour Hospital redevelopment were identified and costed at approximately \$26m, of which \$5.5m was to be spent this financial year. Similarly, capital works associated with the redevelopment of the Caloundra Hospital were identified and costed at \$14.8m, of which \$8m was to be spent this financial year. Then along came the Beattie Labor Government to undo so much of that good work. A sum of \$3.6m was immediately cut from the Nambour Hospital redevelopment and a massive \$6.1m was lopped from the Caloundra Hospital project. What happened? Well might one ask. Was it a total capital works budget cut, cleverly disguised? Did the Minister for Health lose out in a Budget scrum with other Ministers? Was it a failure to identify and address shortcomings of the previous Goss administration that had been addressed by the coalition?

Time expired.
