



Speech by

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**GYMPIE HOSPITAL**

**Mr STEPHAN** (Gympie—NPA) (7.18 p.m.): Tonight, we have been talking about hospitals, and we have been doing that for some time. We have another problem in Gympie in that the hospital's submission for a major upgrade has been unsuccessful. That is a very unfortunate situation that has been brought on by the present Government. The Gympie District Health Council has been notified of that decision and, naturally, it is very, very disappointed about it. The council chairman has been working very hard to keep up with the people who require services, bearing in mind that the hospital services a significant catchment for accidents occurring from north of Pomona to south of Tiaro. That large catchment increases the need for facilities in the area.

I cannot understand the mentality of the comment that, because a decision has been taken to build a hospital in Noosa, nothing needs to be done at Gympie. They are two different localities. This decision has not been very well thought through. As they considered the upgrading of the area vitally important, naturally the council members were disappointed. This decision should be revisited.

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