



Speech by

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PRINCE CHARLES HOSPITAL

Mr SULLIVAN (Chermside—ALP) (10.28 a.m.): This morning the member for Maroochydore spoke about the hospital system. One thing that she did mention was dishonesty. I wonder whether she was referring to her own ill-founded attack on the interior finish at the Prince Charles Hospital just recently. I know where her attack is coming from. There is one disgruntled member of the QNU who wants some extra psychiatric services, and she is stirring up a little hornet's nest out there, and it has very little support.

When I spoke to people at Prince Charles the other day after reading the article, the general reaction that I received was that the article is just a ho-hum; it is just a boring bit of nonsense. Obviously, the shadow Minister has no idea of the World Health Organisation concept of a health promoting hospital, one that looks at a whole of hospital approach which considers waste management, grounds and gardens, and interior design. It says that patients have to start the rehabilitation process as soon as they enter the hospital.

The atrium which the member criticised not only gives natural lighting, it also gives patients an exterior vista from their rooms. If the member for Maroochydore was Health Minister, her vision would be concrete boxes. That is how she would house patients—cold, colourless, unfriendly, just like the shadow Minister.
