



Speech by

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SUNSHINE COAST, HEALTH SERVICES

Mr BLEIJIE (Kawana—LNP) (11.56 am): This government has given up on the provision of health services to the residents of the Sunshine Coast. Health was a major election issue in March, but just three months later the government has turned around and delayed the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. That decision has not only jeopardised the health of all Sunshine Coast residents but also has put a tremendous strain on the services and staff we have at present. Simply put, we need hospital beds and we need them now. The Sunshine Coast will not go without a fight. I am pleased to announce that—

Mr Lucas interjected.

Mr McArdle interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Hoolihan): Order! Deputy Premier and member for Caloundra! Pause the clock. Would the member for Caloundra and the Deputy Premier please cease their argument across the chamber. The member for Kawana has the floor. Thank you.

Mr BLEIJIE: I am pleased to announce to the House that on 8 November the Sunshine Coast will march as one and protest against this government's terrible decision. We already have over 17,000 signatures on a petition. The message is getting out there that this government and this minister are arrogant and will not listen. The people of the Sunshine Coast are fed up with that attitude and they will join the rally that I have organised for 8 November at 9.30 am at Kawana Way. I encourage all Sunshine Coast residents to participate.

This morning during question time it was a disgrace to hear the minister talk amidst the rabble. Labor Party members from the other side thought they had found some road to Damascus. They thought they had uncovered a great secret, but the minutes of the community group are on the website. There is no secrecy. I put it to the House that the community group that the minister says is not independent was set up when Chris Cummins was the Labor Party member for Kawana. That community group was set up under his reign.

It beggars belief that the minister would go on about this when we have letters such as this, which states—

Dear Comrades,

Over the last few weeks we have scored some good direct hits on the Health Minister ...

Please keep them coming.

...

Please search through your representations to the minister to find letters—preferably on behalf of sad, needy constituents ...

Please also keep those victims coming.

Remember, a victim a day keeps Horan at bay.

This is about the kids. Kids will be at the march because the kids of the Sunshine Coast are desperate for health services.

(Time expired)