




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR KAWANA

PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Sunshine Coast University Hospital

 **Hon. JP BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Attorney-General and Minister for Justice) (2.44 pm): I rise today to refute the blatant mistruths that the Queensland Nurses Union and the member for Bundamba are putting to Queenslanders about the future of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. These baseless and blatantly dishonest claims about a user-pays system are solely aimed at causing fear and panic to push a union agenda. It is very rude and the member for Bundamba is as guilty of peddling these mistruths as are her union thug mates.

The Sunshine Coast University Hospital, in my electorate of Kawana, will be a free public hospital, as we promised when we fast-tracked it after the former government shelved it. The former Labor government shelved the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. There will be no user-pays system—no credit cards required as claimed by the member for Bundamba on a rare visit to the Sunshine Coast recently to help push her union mates' agenda. Thankfully, the residents of the Kawana electorate are smart enough to see through the member for Bundamba's mistruths and misinformation. That is why no-one showed up to support her little stunt at Kawana that day. The big protest of the century attracted about 10 union officials and the member for Bundamba. It was not worth the fuel from Bundamba.

Mr Stevens: They put it on their credit card.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take that interjection from the Leader of the House. They probably put it on their union credit card, but they will not disclose that to the people of Queensland. Let us be clear: the Sunshine Coast University Hospital will offer world-class free hospital services to the people of the Sunshine Coast. Unlike Labor, this government cares about improving our health system—and for throat infections, I might add. Under Labor we had a system that could not get much sicker. The Sunshine Coast university public hospital would likely never have been built under the Labor government. In fact, I am surprised Mrs Miller, the member for Bundamba, could even remember how to find the Sunshine Coast given that her Labor cohorts forgot the region entirely when they were in government.

The only people in this room who are guilty of conning Queenslanders about health are the Labor members and their union thug mates. Under the former government, there were secret waiting lists just to get on the waiting lists, fake Tahitian princes running around, massive dental waiting lists and ambulance ramping that was absolutely out of control. Despite the mistruths from the unions and the opposition, who would not know the first thing about a quality health system if it bit them on the backside—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mrs Cunningham): Order! The member for Kawana's language is unparliamentary. I would ask him to withdraw.

Mr BLEIJIE: Withdrawn. Remember, the mentor for the member for Bundamba, Gordon Nuttall—a corrupt former minister. He was the mentor for the member for Bundamba. Despite these mistruths, the Sunshine Coast community will not be fooled by the Labor Party and its union thug mates who do not believe in accountability, respect, integrity, openness and transparency. We will deliver a world-class free hospital for the entire population of the Sunshine Coast.