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MEMBER'S PRIVATE STATEMENT

Lady Cilento Children's Hospital

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.39 pm): A few weeks ago the obsequious health minister, the Hon. Cameron Dick, during his private member's statement about the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital attempted to cast aspersions upon me as the member for Moggill. I will not be reduced to an agenda of the lowest common denominator by the member for Woodridge's spurious, reprehensible and misleading agenda as it pertains to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. I table an article from page 42 of the *Courier-Mail* of Saturday, 31 October 2015, which is predominantly a fair version as to the commissioning and eventual opening of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 31 October 2015, titled 'Politics plagues hospital' [[1639](#)].

The analogy goes something like this: as a doctor, sometimes you inherit a patient at five minutes to midnight who is extremely unwell, often tachycardic, hypotensive, hypothermic, who is in multiorgan failure with oliguria, who is septic and who is, in essence, in colloquial terms, flatlining. The ability of any individual to turn around such a catastrophic clinical situation is often near impossible. So too was the case that the LNP inherited from Labor and the Bligh government, in which the member for Woodridge served, in relation to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital when the LNP came to government in 2012. Despite the best endeavours of many to rectify the poor public policy planning decisions emanating from the failed Beattie and Bligh Labor years with respect to health, the commissioning of the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital remains one of the greatest failed legacies of Labor's previous term in government.

As the royal commission has heard in relation to trade union governance and corruption, the CFMEU held an unlawful strike in relation to the Lady Cilento Children's Hospital. Grave concerns have also been raised about so-called welfare funds and how they have operated under the direction of the CFMEU and other unions. In fact, it is possible that so-called hardship payments were made, from a fund linked to the CFMEU, to workers on an illegal strike at the then Queensland children's hospital.

If there is any shame in this place, it is the protection racket exercised by the Palaszczuk government cabinet members towards the CFMEU. Labor continues to protect alleged criminality and unethical conduct. It is time the Labor Party took a principled stand against those elements of the union movement and their government that do their general party membership and union membership a great disservice. Truth and reality are mutually exclusive for the member for Woodridge. He would be better represented as a David Irving caricature in his own 21st century Orwellian paperback.

Tonight, the world's greatest rock and roll band will flick the switch on another world tour in Brisbane. I want to acknowledge current band members and pay tribute to the riff maker, Malcolm Young, given his recent ill health and forced retirement. However, as the member for Bundamba's international comrade in arms, the former Panama military dictator General Manuel Noriega found out

in 1989, continuous AC/DC can be an effective means of dealing with recalcitrant socialists. Perhaps the member for Rockhampton could use this as an internal Labor management strategy, along with his other Labor Unity colleagues, with respect to the CFMEU aligned member for Bundamba's ongoing disgraceful and shameful conduct. Dirty deeds indeed, but they are not done dirt cheap with this Labor government controlled by the CFMEU and other Labor bosses.

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