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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Sunshine Coast Public University Hospital

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (3.02 pm): I rise to respond to the outrageous claims made yesterday by the Minister for Health in respect of the Sunshine Coast university hospital. A few weeks ago this minister came to the Sunshine Coast, stood at the Sunshine Coast hospital site and said, 'This is a Labor hospital. We are proud to have built this hospital.' The last time a Labor member was on that hospital site was when it was a kangaroo pasture. It was a vacant allotment, because the former Labor government had made no investment and it delayed the hospital by two years.

The LNP members who represent the Sunshine Coast know all too well that Andrew Fraser stood in this place and said, 'We can't afford it. We have no plans. We have no stability in government. We can't build the Sunshine Coast university hospital. So the people on the coast will suffer because of it.' It is very reminiscent now: no money, no plan, no budget. Yesterday, we had a trickster Treasurer jump in here and, rather than talk about his big plans for Queensland—the first budget to be handed down—he carried on with the tricks of the trade. But more concerning are the comments of the health minister yesterday, which appeared in today's *Courier-Mail* this morning. He said that the Sunshine Coast university hospital was—

... proudly built by Labor, proudly built by trade unionists and it will be staffed by trade unionists.

That should send shivers down everyone's spine. The Sunshine Coast community will not be fooled by the misinformation and the fear that the health minister is instilling in the people of the coast in that, in some way next year when the hospital opens, there was going to be no staff, there were going to be no beds. Of course there would be.

We are proud of our commitment to the people of the Sunshine Coast, we are proud of our commitment to the Sunshine Coast university hospital and we are proud that we got the thing built. We are proud that when we came into government the first thing that we did was sign the contracts to build the Sunshine Coast university hospital. For the health minister's benefit, I table a copy of a story that appeared in the *Sunshine Coast Daily* back in 2009 titled, 'Sunshine Coast Hospital project delayed.' It was not going to be delayed by the LNP, but by the Labor Party.

Tabled paper: Article from *Sydney Morning Herald* online, dated 14 June 2009, titled 'Sunshine Coast Hospital project delayed' [\[433\]](#).

I can see 'Mr Glass Jaw', the health minister. He is under a bit of pressure. Last week he got slapped down by the Premier for saying that there are going to be health cuts. Last night he got slapped down by the parliament. When he was the attorney-general he got slapped down by SPER in the justice department because it leaked against him. Now we know that he has put the deadlock on his door. He has put the padlock on his door. Departmental staff are not welcome in the health minister's office. You need a key code to enter the health minister's office.

I see resemblances of Stephen Robertson. I see resemblances of Paul Lucas. Under the Labor Party, Health is back in the doldrums. We are committed to the Sunshine Coast community. We were the government that built the Sunshine Coast university hospital, not the Labor Party.