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## ADJOURNMENT

### Sunshine Coast University Hospital

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (11.28 pm): In less than 12 months the Sunshine Coast University Hospital opens, which was an LNP initiative. We started construction of the \$2 billion hospital and we put money into it. The only thing the Labor Party can be proud of with regard to that hospital is delaying it by two years.

**Government members** interjected.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I hear all of the interjections from people who have no idea what I am talking about because they were not here in 2009 when it was announced, but the Labor Party delayed it by a couple of years. I congratulate the Kawana Chamber of Commerce, who had a function the other night which was getting the hospital ready. One thing that came through loud and clear from the Chamber of Commerce function was the lack of roads and infrastructure around the hospital in less than 12 months when it opens. I see that the Minister for Main Roads has now adjusted his language. He says, 'We do not support the Mooloolah River interchange that the LNP were going to produce for \$440 million, so we are going to have a plan to build that road; we just do not know how we are going to fund it. We have no money for it.'

Another interesting thing I saw is when the health minister came to Kawana the other day. Believe it or not, there is an ALP branch in the Kawana electorate and the health minister turned up. You would think the health minister would be visiting the Sunshine Coast to talk about the hospital and road and rail infrastructure for patients when the \$2 billion hospital opens in less than a years time. But no, he was talking about his own job and the lack of the union influence over the Labor Party. If he had walked around Parliament House tonight he would have seen the CFMEU branch of the Labor Party in full swing. There were CFMEU union officials all over the place. I wonder what the health minister thought about the influence of the CFMEU in the Labor Party.

Rather than talk about the \$2 billion hospital when the health minister came to Kawana, he talked about his own job. He was trying to convince grassroots Labor members that there is too much union influence in the Labor Party and that is why he should be leader, because he will make direct contact with grassroots Labor Party members. He did not talk about roads. He did not talk about how patients are going to get to the hospital. He did not talk about the fact that a water tank exploded at the hospital site a few weeks ago and closed the road for four days. He did not talk about the loss of business because of the impact on that road. He did not talk about how people from Noosa and Maroochydore and other places north are going to get to the hospital in the future. He did not talk about the road congestion around Woodlands Boulevard at Kawana Forest. These are the things the health minister should have been talking about, but he did not because he is too busy wrapped up in Labor Party politics and internal leadership wrangles.

If the health minister is going to visit the Kawana electorate again, I will tell him exactly what he needs to do and where he needs to invest money. Tell him to bring Mark Bailey, the Minister for Main Roads, and we will tell him what we really need on the Sunshine Coast.