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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Sunshine Coast University Hospital**

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (1.30 am): It has now been confirmed by the health minister that the Sunshine Coast University Hospital has been delayed for five months. A couple of weeks ago the health minister said that the skirting boards and windows were not in yet and that was the reason for the delay. We now know the real reason. It turns out that they have not hired the doctors and nurses—and I suspect the big mirror the health minister wants in there has not been installed pending his arrival in November 2016.

Two weeks ago the health minister misled the parliament when he said that the skirting boards were the reason for delaying the hospital. There are other construction issues. The doors were not in place. The health minister has sat on his hands for months and months—over 12 months—and has not delivered anything on the Sunshine Coast University Hospital.

I congratulate Lendlease for completing their end of the bargain for the hospital which will be constructed and finished in August this year. The health minister would have us believe that the delay is the fault of everyone but him. He has now confirmed, under much protest, that the hospital will be delayed five months. He has not given any document or reason for the delay. He just asks us to accept the secret advice. No documents have been released. The minister appointed an independent commissioner to commission the hospital. I call on the minister to release the report and make it public. There is a program team for the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. If the minister wants accountability and transparency he can make all this information public. Maybe if the information is public the public can stand back and say, 'We understand why there is a delay.' We do not understand at the moment because there is so much uncertainty around the delay.

While we are talking about incompetent ministers, let us look at the Minister for Main Roads. He says we are going to build all these roads. The LNP promised a \$400 million Mooloolah River interchange. The Minister for Main Roads has come out and said that we are going to have seven projects worth about \$300 million. I do not know how you can have seven projects for \$300 million inclusive of the \$400 million Mooloolah River interchange project. It does not add up. Even with the delayed hospital, which will open in April 2017, the roads will not be sufficient.

**Ms Simpson:** What do you expect? He doesn't even own his own car.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I take the interjection from the honourable member for Maroochydore. I did interject yesterday and ask whether the main roads minister had been on Nicklin Way, but then I remembered he had said in this place that he does not own a car. How can he expect Sunshine Coast residents to believe that he understands the road issues around the Kawana electorate? We need the roads built. We need the hospital opened on time so that people can stop travelling to Brisbane for the health care they need. If we do not build these roads people will die because these roads, particularly the Mooloolah River interchange—

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