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## ADJOURNMENT

### Sunshine Coast University Hospital

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (5.45 pm): This morning in the chamber the health minister made the big announcement that the Sunshine Coast University Hospital would be starting to receive patients this week. He said that Labor promised the hospital. I have to say that that is all he can say about the Sunshine Coast University Hospital, because that is all it was for the Labor Party. The Labor Party did not deliver the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. It did not sign the contracts for the hospital, it did not get the workers in there, it did not start the construction; all the Labor Party did was talk about it. It set aside a block of land in the heart of Kawana and said, 'That is the future Sunshine Coast hospital.'

The Labor Party made a lot of promises to the Sunshine Coast. Who can forget years ago Paul Lucas, when he was transport minister, saying that by 2015 the Sunshine Coast would have the CAMCOS rail corridor. That CAMCOS rail corridor has not happened. Then, of course, we had the CoastConnect project, which is an unfunded project that is sitting in limbo—multimodal transport corridors sitting in limbo. The Labor Party has a big list of promises but, if we look through the list, we see that it never delivers for the Sunshine Coast.

It was the LNP government with its hardworking MPs representing the Sunshine Coast that made sure that the hospital was delivered on time. Not only that, construction was brought forward by six months. I thank the community campaign for the past eight years. In 2009 when I was elected to this place Andrew Fraser, who at the time was the treasurer, delayed the construction of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital by two years. Automatically, a community group was set up to fight the delay of the hospital—the Sunshine Coast University Hospital Action Group, which at that time was chaired by Jean Glead and is now chaired by Maureen Mileham. I thank Maureen, Kerri Ricketts, Betty and Kevin Freebody, Jan De Vries and all the other people who were associated with the Sunshine Coast University Hospital Action Group. If it were not for that group and it were not for other members of the Sunshine Coast community, we would not have the hospital. We held a protest at the hospital site. Two thousand people showed up to protest against the Labor government's delay of the hospital.

We now have the health minister's abysmal treatment of nurses on the Sunshine Coast. He is still chasing nurses for overpayments. In an answer to a question on notice, the health minister will not disclose how many nurses the government is chasing for the Health payroll disaster, implemented by the Labor Party. A few weeks ago Krysten Harvey from my electorate, who is being chased by debt collectors, was down here. The Premier said publicly, 'I'm happy to look at the matter.' On 14 March I get an email from the 'Yours sincerely office of the Premier' that states, 'Dear Mr Bleijie, thank you, thank you, thank you. As the issue you have raised falls within the responsibility of the health minister I have referred it to him.' The whole point of me writing to the Premier was that, after four to six pieces of correspondence, the health minister has not responded to particular constituents in my electorate. The Labor Party does not care for the Sunshine Coast, it has never cared for the Sunshine Coast and it takes the Sunshine Coast for granted.