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Caboolture Hospital

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Minister for Corrective Services) (2.46 pm): This year the Caboolture Hospital turns 25. I am so proud of the staff at our hospital. They are dedicated and selfless public servants. I am very grateful to them for the work that they do for our hospital. For decades, our hospital has been the heart of our community. I can tell the House that it has always been Labor governments that have backed our hospital. After years of broken promises, it took a Labor government, elected in 1989 under Wayne Goss, to build the hospital. After years of cuts under the Borbidge government, it took Labor governments under Peter Beattie and Anna Bligh to restore those cuts and expand our hospital. After years of cuts by Campbell Newman to the staff at our hospital, it is our Palaszczuk Labor government that is restoring cuts and investing in the infrastructure that our hospital needs.

Since I have been elected, we have seen expansions at our hospital: a new children's emergency department, a new outpatient facility, more car parking, a mental health facility, a training centre developed in partnership with the then federal Rudd-Gillard government and, of course, more doctors, more nurses and more allied health professionals for our hospital. Our hospital deserves it because our community deserves it. I am very proud that it is always a Labor government that invests in our hospital, always ensuring it has the resources, the staff and the infrastructure that it needs to serve our community.

Of course, as a community we will never forget the dark days when those opposite cut services and staff at our hospital. They took to our hospital with an axe. Again, we are seeing an LNP government that is true to form, with Malcolm Turnbull and his mates in Canberra taking an axe to funding that was promised to our hospital. I have been told that \$2.9 million in funding that was intended to go to the Caboolture Hospital, promised by a federal government, has now been cut by Malcolm Turnbull. That will lead to an impact on services at our local hospital.

On the other hand, in this year's state budget our Labor government is investing in more services and an expansion at our hospital—not only an expanded emergency department but also a commitment to a \$253 million major refurbishment of our hospital. That is an outstanding commitment from our government. However, the commitments do not stop there, because Bill Shorten and Susan Lamb, our Labor candidate in Longman, have promised a \$10 million chemotherapy service for the Caboolture Hospital. The only way to get that is to vote Labor and vote for Susan Lamb.