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ADJOURNMENT

Redlands Coast, LNP Candidates

Dr ROBINSON (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.00 pm): Residents have responded warmly to the announcement of the LNP Redlands coast team for the October 2020 election: Henry Pike for the Redlands electorate, Bev Walters for the Capalaba electorate and myself for the Oodgeroo electorate. The candidates have hit the ground running, exposing the failure of Labor MPs to deliver for our region in many areas.

In terms of the Redland Hospital, we have seen two cancer screening bungles recently with 1,700 people and their families affected and a Labor cover-up. Redlands residents deserve answers. Only a full and open inquiry can get to the bottom of this mess.

In terms of education, we have had STEM program cuts at Ormiston State School. Despite petitions, letters to the minister and community outcry, Labor removed the two STEM classrooms over the Christmas break, reducing the opportunity for girls and boys to study STEM.

In terms of the aircon con, our kids were sweating it out at school this week. No Redlands coast schools made Labor's list for air conditioning.

In terms of koalas, the Redland City Bulletin recently reported—

REDLANDS mayor Karen Williams says a state government plan to protect koalas ignores expert advice and removes thousands of hectares of habitat from new mapping.

Cr Williams said the draft koala conservation strategy was little more than ... good intentions ...

She went on to say-

The KPA mapping excluded the North Stradbroke Island's whole population area.

What a joke!

In terms of water security, the gates on the Leslie Harrison Dam were supposed to be replaced to bring the storage capacity back to past levels. Even with the Redlands being drought declared, local Labor MPs did nothing.

In terms of Transport and Main Roads, despite being funded in the current budget, construction still has not begun on the LNP's congestion-busting Gateway on-ramp initiative at Old Cleveland Road, leaving Redlanders wallowing in traffic congestion.

In terms of marine and island issues, the government must restore funding for the Wellington Point artificial reef and be fair to recreational and professional fishers who have been shafted with quotas, bag limits and size limits before the Moreton Bay Marine Park review has begun and before releasing the science.

Straddie residents are now on their own as all mining ceased in 2019 with major job losses and as Labor's ETS is running out of money. Slugging residents and visitors with secret taxes to pay for their failed plan is a disgrace. The 'Trad-broke Island' plan shot the goose that laid the golden eggs, and Labor has now become the goose—more like an ugly duckling!

In terms of fire safety, we continue to call on local Labor MPs to lift the Labor-union ban on a rural fire brigade for Mount Cotton. Sadly, local Labor MPs are doing nothing to solve these issues. Only an LNP government and local LNP MPs can clean up this mess.