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 **Mr CRANDON** (Coomera—LNP) (7.06 pm): To the people of the northern Gold Coast I say thank you for your support. I am honoured to be your representative in the Queensland parliament as the member for Coomera for a fifth term. It was a close contest, as it has been in the past and is expected in a fast-growing region like the northern Gold Coast—the fastest growing region in Queensland. Northern Gold Coasters should be concerned by the sleight of hand used by Labor when selling their wares at the last election. In 2017 it was the Pimpama train station, which has still not been delivered, nor does it appear in the forward estimates as a line item, so 2024 is in doubt.

Here is the latest furphy. They said, 'We're building a hospital at Coomera. Not any time soon, but that is what they tricked their booth workers into saying. They sold the headline; they sold the sizzle. The LNP committed \$4 million to master plan a state-of-the-art hospital and health precinct—the truth on the northern Gold Coast. Labor's commitment is \$3 million. What did the candidate and booth workers tell people? 'We're going to build a hospital in Coomera.' Why? Because they were hoodwinked and Labor was desperate. They are not building a hospital at Coomera in this term of parliament or any time soon. They copied our homework. We committed \$4 million to properly plan a state-of-the-art hospital and health precinct and told the truth. They committed to \$3 million to plan it and then added the frills—sketches, drawings and already announced spending at Gold Coast University Hospital of \$111.3 million. They mentioned land that is totally unsuitable for a hospital: it is a koala corridor. The headline at the top of Labor's press release states, 'Labor's \$160 million Gold Coast health plan', and I table that for the attention of members.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 19 October 2020, titled 'Labor's \$160m Gold Coast health plan' [332](#).

Here it is again. It says, '\$160 million—First look at Gold Coast's new hospital in fastgrowing north area.' Again this is not on. I table that.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, dated 19 October 2020, titled '\$160m: First look at Gold Coast's new hospital in fastgrowing north area' [333](#).

This headline states, '\$160 million', Coomera \$3 million for planning, and it is not even a line item in this budget. That is typical Labor: smoke and mirrors. You cannot trust Labor to deliver. They are not going to deliver this hospital on the northern Gold Coast.

I give you this commitment, northern Gold Coasters: I will take up the fight for the northern Gold Coast community, the fastest growing region in Queensland, and we will see how the pendulum swings in four years time.