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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (5.21 pm): It is pretty telling when the speaker who I have to follow does not even have enough enthusiasm to get behind their candidates. What about showing a bit of enthusiasm in the speech and then we might be able to believe that these jokers over there actually know what they are talking about. What on earth is going to happen if those jokers get in federally? Who are they going to blame then? Who will it be? They cannot blame Canberra if they get in. I do not think those on the other side of the chamber have a clue because the majority of them have never been in opposition. They sit there and think, 'We can blame someone else,' but what they need to do is have a look in their own backyards. Who are they going to blame? They ripped down Paradise Dam, and it was the federal Morrison government that had to step in and help fund that. These jokers ripped down the dam wall.

Let me talk about health services. Let me talk about Emerald, and I know the member for Gregory is talking about this. The federal Morrison government handed \$10 million to this incompetent Palaszczuk government for the health department over 12 months ago. They gave it to them to upgrade the Emerald emergency centre. I can tell the House that the people of Emerald and Central Queensland deserve that upgraded emergency centre. What has happened to it? Who would know?

An opposition member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It is probably sitting in consolidated revenue; I will take that point. Wouldn't the people of Central Queensland love an upgraded emergency centre? Where are these jokers? The health minister is probably still counting the 58,000 people on the emergency wait list for surgery like the member for Maroochydore talked about. Someone with ovarian cancer, in high need of an operation, gets knocked back and she has to go to her local member. Who are these jokers blaming? They are trying to blame the federal government. I have got news for the Palaszczuk government. It is their job to fix the health system. It was a basket case when Anna Bligh lost government. It is a basket case once again. Why? Because Labor cannot manage health. The only people who can manage health in this state is the LNP.