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**MOTION**

**Satellite Hospitals**

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (7.48 pm): What a joy it is to follow the member for Oodgeroo. Fantasy land and fictional—it is right there. Fifty per cent of that side of the House sat in the Newman government. Fifty per cent of that side! Put your hands up if you were in the Newman government. Go on, put your hands up.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Ms Bush): Through the chair, member for Redlands.

**Ms RICHARDS:** I would love to see a show of hands on that side of the House of those who sat in the Newman government. I can tell you what they did in the Redlands. They cut the Wynnum hospital. They closed it.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Ms RICHARDS:** Not brave enough, are you?

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Through the chair, member.

**Ms RICHARDS:** They are not brave enough to put up their hands and say, 'We were in the Newman government and we sacked 4,400 health workers, we closed the Wynnum hospital and we closed the Barrett centre.'

Have members heard anybody on the other side acknowledge the Barrett centre and the damage that was done? Have members ever heard an apology from anyone opposite to the families impacted by the closure of the Barrett centre? It is an absolute disgrace. The audacity of those opposite to lecture us on our investment in health care! Honestly, we really have to wonder where are they coming from.

The member for Oodgeroo's contribution was absolutely disgraceful because, as he well knows, I advocated strongly with the then health minister, Minister Miles, to have a satellite hospital located in our growing Redlands region. The member might not know where growth is occurring in the Redlands—I am not sure; he probably does not visit our end very often—but it is occurring in southern Redlands and across our islands.

Our government is delivering health care closer to home. We will deliver a satellite hospital that delivers health care closer to home. I ask members opposite to visit the Southern Moreton Bay Islands and ask the residents there who need chemotherapy services where they get those chemotherapy services. A hospital? Absolutely. It is about healthcare services. Where do you get renal dialysis? I will take members up to the Redland Hospital to see the people getting renal dialysis. Where do people get those services? That is right: in a hospital.

For members opposite to say that our satellite hospitals are not delivering the important healthcare services required by my community closer to home is outrageous and disgraceful. It is absolutely disrespectful to my community, because I know that they will see health care tailored to that

community's needs delivered closer to home. It is absolutely shameful. When we talk about our investment and all the great things going on at the satellite hospital—the car park is nearing completion; I have had the drone up there—

**Mr Bleijie** interjected.

**Ms RICHARDS:** I am happy to take the member for Kawana down to Redlands. I am happy to show him the car park and all the work the Palaszczuk government has done there. This is in stark contrast to the nearly 50 per cent of members opposite who as part of the Newman government did absolutely nothing for the Redlands. I am not buying it. My community does not buy it. You did nothing in your term of government for the Redlands.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Through the chair, member. That is the third warning.

**Ms RICHARDS:** This side of the House has never delivered for the Redlands community when it comes to health care—ever. They have never delivered. As I said, they did close Wynnum Hospital. They sacked nurses. They closed Moreton Bay nursing. We have a whole ward at the Redland Hospital dedicated to people with dementia. Why? It is because the LNP do not care about health care for Queenslanders. They certainly do not care about it for Redlanders.

The Morrison government absolutely neglected aged care and the NDIS. What we see in our hospitals is the pressure put on from that neglect. I am happy to take any member opposite to Redland Hospital to show them what they created down there. A satellite hospital will deliver for my community. I ask the member for Callide to visit the Redlands. I will happily take him to the Southern Moreton Bay Islands and show him the services that will deliver. Quite frankly, those on the other side are outrageous. They should be ashamed of themselves. I support the minister's amendment.