




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ADJOURNMENT

Queensland Greens; Logan Hospital, Nurses

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (6.23 pm): I can assure you that no-one on this side is thanking the Greens for the votes against the ETS that held back the transition to renewable energy in this country.

Ms Pease: Imagine where we'd be now if we had an ETS.

Mr POWER: The interjection is: imagine where we would be now if the member for Maiwar was not a supporter of cutting the ETS. It is absolutely shameful. The comments he made are misleading to this House, because we know that the Greens are actually cynical when it comes to this transition. When given the chance, they voted against the ETS purely for politics.

I do not want to talk about the failings of the Greens; I want to talk about the fantastic nurses at the Logan Hospital. These heroes are so often masked up, rushing from job to job. I want to recognise them as heroes because this week is Emergency Nurses Week. We know that they do tremendous work, not just this week but every single day, at the Logan Hospital. We know—we take this very seriously—that there is real pressure, in a growing community, on our health services. That is why we are delivering. It was Labor that put in place the new emergency and co-located children's emergency at Logan Hospital. It was Labor that restored the neonatal and post-birth services, including the one at Logan West, that were cut by the LNP. It was Labor that built the new Munruben Ambulance Station and the Yarrabilba station—services that simply never would have been delivered because the LNP is focused on cuts.

The very nurses we are celebrating today, these heroes hidden behind masks, are some of the people who would have been sacked if the LNP had continued on their way of sacking nurses. We know that there would have been even more pressure, because it is a growing area that suffers the most from LNP cuts. When it comes to cuts, the LNP knows how to cut services in hospitals, whether that is neonatal services or nurses or whether that is by not building.

Growing areas need a committed government. That is why I am proud that our health minister comes from an outer suburban growing area, knows about the pressure on services and is committed to solving those problems. They are not about politics. They are not about destructive attacks on our hardworking workers. I take the opportunity to reject their attacks on the workers at Logan Hospital and to celebrate these heroes hidden behind masks—our nurses at the Logan emergency centre.