




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Redland Hospital

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.00 pm): ‘Worst ever’ was the headline on the front page of the *Redland City Bulletin* this week. ‘Worst ever’ describes the ramping fiasco at Redland Hospital. Several articles and an editorial highlight the government’s failure to deliver, and I table those articles.

Tabled paper: Bundle of articles from the *Redland City Bulletin*, dated 12 October 2022, regarding Redland Hospital ramping [1645](#).

The headlines say it all: ‘Worst ever: Redland Hospital ramping figures shame’, ‘Redland Hospital upgrade stalled’, ‘MP blames the board’, ‘LNP says time is up for health minister’. Redland residents and hospital workers are outraged to hear the triple-barrel bad news about their hospital and, on their behalf, I am seeking answers from the health minister about this ‘worst ever’ week because Redlanders deserve better—Redlanders deserve the truth.

Firstly, I turn to the ‘worst ever’—ramping shame. Ambulance ramping hit 73 per cent in July—we believe the highest level ever—three out of every four patients waiting in ambulances longer than recommended. Also ambulances that are tied up cannot respond to new emergencies. Unbelievably, it could get worse if the trend is not arrested. The minister previously said that things would improve but they got worse.

Minister, what are you doing new to arrest and reverse the trend? Minister, are you just asleep at the wheel or deliberately being misleading?

Ms Boyd: Through the chair!

Dr ROBINSON: Through you, Mr Deputy Speaker. Secondly, I turn to the ‘worst ever’—expansion stalled. Redlanders are angry that the long-awaited expansion of the hospital has stalled. It was in the budget but is now delayed. Redlanders thought they were getting an ICU, new beds plus more—this was not about catching up on seven years of underfunding but finally some improvement—only to learn the truth: the upgrade has stalled. The reason, according to the member for Capalaba, is that the funds were sat on for two years. He went on to call for the Metro South board to go.

Thirdly, I turn to the ‘worst ever’—misled regarding health. The member for Capalaba also claimed he was misled about the upgrade and that heads should roll. The health minister quickly tried to silence him and they had a divisive public spat about who is to blame. The claims are disturbing. Does the misleading go higher? Does it go up to the minister? Do the members for Redlands and Springwood support their Redlands’ colleague or the minister? They have been eerily silent on it all. They have gone into hiding.

I say to the health minister that ‘worst ever’ is not good enough. The health minister must explain the ramping, the botched upgrade and the misleading. If the health minister cannot or the health minister will not, the health minister should resign or be sacked.