



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Minister for Health and Ambulance Services**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (5.55 pm): Tonight we are discussing a motion of no confidence in a senior minister of this government and the most telling sign in this debate is to look across the chamber and see only four ministers—only four ministers—coming to support one of their senior colleagues, and those four ministers are here because they are on roster! I can remember when a similar motion of no confidence was brought against a minister in the LNP government—it could have been the member for Kawana; I cannot recall—but every single minister and every single member of our side came in here to support one of our own. In fact, there was no amendment to the motion to attack somebody else; the amendment to the motion was to say that we had full confidence in our minister. In fact, I think the premier of the day said that he was a rock star.

What do we see here? We see absence and we see the B-grade side being brought out to defend one of their senior ministers. Is it any wonder that they would not support this minister? The litany of failures are there for everybody to see. We have the disgraceful situation in Mackay where women's lives have been ruined because of botched surgery. We have the situation in Gladstone and surrounding areas where you cannot even have a baby in your local hospital. We have the dysfunction in the Caboolture Hospital. We have ramping at record levels in the minister's own electorate at 49 per cent, but at least that is not as bad as Redlands which is at 75 per cent.

We have also had what some people have described as the worst failure in public administration in this state—probably other than the Health payroll debacle—and that is the forensic lab issues where we know now that there are criminals walking the streets free because of the failures of this government. This government keeps bragging about the piles of money that it has invested in our health system, and the embarrassing thing about that is that that is true. That is true, but its outcomes get worse. Its record is worse. Every time results come out we hear about something being worse than it was five, seven, eight or 10 years ago, and those opposite have every excuse under the sun. There is something in the Westminster system called ministerial responsibility. What else do you have to do wrong? What else has to go wrong until this minister accepts that she is responsible and that she needs to do the right thing and resign?

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr MANDER:** The other issue that is incredibly worrying about this minister is the deception, and the greatest deception which many of us spoke about yesterday is the seven satellite hospitals. I remember campaigning at Bribie Island and there was the member for Pumicestone telling—

**Ms King:** And that's why I won!

**Mr MANDER:** Yes, won because you deceived—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr MANDER:** The member deceived those older people, telling them that they were going to get a hospital—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr MANDER:**—a hospital that is not open 24 hours—

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock.

**Mr MANDER:**—a hospital—

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members, I am calling the House to order. Members are shouting above the member who has the call. I will ask for interjections to cease. Member for Everton, you have one minute and nine seconds remaining.

**Mr MANDER:** Hospitals that are not open for 24 hours, hospitals that do not have emergency departments and—guess what—hospitals that do not have beds. I looked up the definition of a hospital. It is defined as—

an institution that is built, staffed, and equipped for the diagnosis of disease, for the treatment, both medical and surgical, of the sick and the injured; and for their housing during the process.

That is what a hospital is: you stay overnight if you are sick. These satellite hospitals are not a clear picture of what they really are. One definition is right, and that is the definition of 'satellite'. Satellite means—

an artificial body placed in orbit around the Earth.

They are not real; they are artificial. They are not fair dinkum. This government has continued to deceive the older people of our state in particular that they are going to get better services through these hospitals. They are already \$15 million over budget. They are already delayed. It is another deception by this government. What else does this minister have to do wrong before she resigns? It is time. Do the right thing: accept responsibility and resign.