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ADJOURNMENT

Bribie Island Satellite Hospital

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (7.10 pm): Our Bribie Island satellite hospital is just what the doctor ordered for our community, so I am excited to share the full list of 100 per cent free public health services it will deliver. Once our satellite hospital opens next year, if you are sick or hurt, you will not need to wait two to three weeks for a GP appointment or wait in the ED at Caboolture Hospital. You will be able to get the care that you need in the heart of our community. Whether you have an infection, a broken bone, a sprain, a wound that needs stitching or a minor burn, you will be able to walk through the door of the minor injury and accident centre seven days a week from 8 am until 10 pm, with health workers on site providing care up until 11.30 pm.

Our Bribie satellite hospital will also treat a range of chronic health conditions so people do not have to travel. There will be six renal dialysis chairs so locals currently travelling long distances multiple times a week can get life-saving care closer to home. There will be day medical chairs for treatments like iron infusions, IV antibiotics, steroids, anti-nausea medication and blood transfusions. The oral health services will provide essential dental care on Bribie, which is so important to our community. There will be a rehabilitation gym for people recovering after surgery. There will be medical imaging and diagnostic services, including ultrasound, X-ray and pathology to support other satellite hospital services. There will also be an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health hub for our large and growing First Nations community.

I can report that 480 locals per week will be able to attend appointments for mental health, geriatric assessment and intervention, kidney care and rapid access clinics, with Queensland Health doctors, nurses and allied health workers in the consult and treatment rooms. Our satellite hospital will dramatically expand hospital services in Pumicestone, taking pressure off Caboolture Hospital ED, with up to 490 walk-in urgent care places per week and 132 renal dialysis and day medical treatments per week.

I worked hard to get our satellite hospital so our community can get more hospital services closer to home. That is why it is so disappointing to hear the LNP continue to talk it down. Let us be clear: the LNP would not have built this satellite hospital. The local LNP demanded that we give the funding to build a private hospital instead. They put our satellite hospital on their list of projects to cut. They have complained about the site, the services and even the size of the trees in the concept drawings. The LNP do nothing but criticise and complain. If they get their way, the LNP will sell off our satellite hospital to their big business mates because they just do not back public health services in our state. That is their record and that is what they stand for.