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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Bribie Island Satellite Hospital

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (2.15 pm): By late 2024 people on Bribie facing the fight of their lives will not have to travel long distances for chemotherapy. They will have six chemo chairs in the heart of our community, at our Bribie Island Satellite Hospital. From urgent care to kidney care, from mental care to dental care and from rehab to chemo, our Bribie satellite hospital is just what the doctor ordered for our community. Labor guarantees that our satellite hospital will offer 100 per cent-free public health care. Compare that to the Pumicestone LNP, which wanted the money spent on a private hospital instead. Bribie residents should not need private health insurance to get health care in our community.

The LNP's health spokesperson called our satellite hospitals shams. Is it a sham when your neighbour does not have to travel hours for dialysis or when a child gets quick care for a sports injury? Is it a sham when a grandmother gets chemo just down the road instead of having to do multiple trips per week for hours? When the LNP talk down our satellite hospitals, there is a deeper agenda at work. When the LNP tell us what they stand for, Queenslanders should believe them. The member for Mudgeeraba said that she aspires to the Newman health system, because she has the same plan for health cuts. She put health workers on notice because she plans mass sackings. The LNP talk down our satellite hospitals because they are itching to privatise them. I note the comments of the member for Currumbin.

A short look at the LNP's policy document shows that satellite hospitals are completely missing from their dodgy dot points. They simply do not support our satellite hospitals. The LNP's federal member for Longman did not get the memo. He likes Bribie's satellite hospital so much that he tried to claim credit for it! Terry Young called our commitment to offer chemo at the Bribie satellite hospital 'a great outcome and a win for our community'. Thanks, Terry! It is a shame your Queensland LNP colleagues were not listening. They cannot get on board with our satellite hospitals. They might get some inspiration, because LNP opposition leader David Crisafulli is certainly short on ideas. He has no solutions to increasing demands on our health system. He whines, but we get things done. He talks a big game, but he is taking a very small target approach. We have seen him flip-flop under pressure. He stands for nothing and will not come clean on his plans for health.

When it comes to their health, Queenslanders deserve a Labor government that does what matters: a government with policies—not pamphlets; delivery—not dot points. That is where the Crisafulli LNP opposition will always fall short. Our Palaszczuk Labor government is getting on with the job and doing what matters for Queenslanders, but the Crisafulli LNP opposition has no plan for health—just a plan for massive health cuts.