



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Liberal National Party, Health**

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.58 pm): I rise to address the motion moved by the Minister for Health and Minister for Mental Health, the member for Waterford. It is 2023 and we feel like we live in a parallel universe where each week we come in here and the Labor government just has another diversion. They cannot talk about their record since 2015 because they have a pitiful record when it comes to health in this state. Let us go through their record as to what is actually happening. Ambulance ramping in this state is at 45 per cent. When they were elected to government, it was at 15 per cent. There has been a threefold increase in ambulance ramping right across the state. It does not matter whether it is at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital, the PA or in regional Queensland. We have longer surgical waitlists. Look at the absolute debacle of the forensic and scientific laboratory where this government has recklessly abandoned women in this state who are victims of serious sexual assault. We also have the health workforce crisis that is burning right across Queensland, whether that is recruiting doctors, nurses or allied health professionals. They have had no workforce planning since 2015 when it comes to delivering what is needed in our public hospital system across Queensland.

Let's talk about rural maternity services and the issues around Biloela, Chinchilla, Cooktown and Gladstone. I heard the member for Toowoomba South talk about the number of closures in Queensland under this Labor government. It is just outrageous, but it is like the Beattie and Bligh Labor governments before them. Then you have clinical governance issues in relation to Mackay and Caboolture. I hear through whistleblowers that the Metro North Hospital and Health Service Executive has decamped to Caboolture. They have gone to Caboolture. I wonder why they are up there. This week we have even seen people call out the Labor government in relation to what is happening with mental health patients and the lack of beds. All the time there are whistleblowers coming to our shadow minister for health, who has been Queensland nurse of the year and also Telstra businesswoman of the year. They are coming to our shadow health minister and all of our town hall meetings and telling us how bad this government is—just like the Beattie and Bligh Labor governments. They had their triple P program before. Do members remember the Jayant Patel saga, the \$1.2 billion payroll fiasco and the fake Tahitian prince episode? The Palaszczuk government is just like the Beattie and Bligh Labor governments. The LNP has some terrific ideas and policies when it comes to changing our health system.

**Government members** interjected.

**Dr ROWAN:** I hear them saying, 'What are they?' Better resourcing, better triaging, sharing data in real time, and putting doctors and nurses back in charge. That is what the AMAQ, the Rural Doctors Association of Queensland and professional associations are saying. They are looking for those solutions. The LNP will deliver on those solutions and they will do a lot better than this state Labor government.

*(Time expired)*