



Speech By  
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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (5.32 pm): I have been sitting here for the last 90 minutes, and in my seven years in parliament I cannot remember whether I have seen a bigger own goal than what we have seen from the health minister here tonight.

**Mr Minnikin** interjected.

**Mr JANETZKI:** I take the interjection from the member for Chatsworth. The member for Miller has probably had a few more own goals over the last seven years. Over the last 90 minutes we have seen an own goal of a nature that is really rarely seen in this parliament. The health minister's attempt to turn the spotlight on the opposition has simply reflected on themselves. As the member for Mudgeeraba has already said, it has been the biggest bellyflop any of us can remember.

Over the course of the last 90 minutes we saw the member for Rockhampton lose the last page of his speech, and how symbolic is that of the last 90 minutes! We have seen the health minister have a limb of her motion struck out by the House. We have seen that the only doctor who has benefited from this disaster here tonight is Dr Miles. That is the only doctor who has benefited from the motion moved at four o'clock by the health minister and now at five o'clock by us.

I want to reflect a little bit on the motion so admirably moved by our shadow health minister, the member Mudgeeraba. Does it not say something that tonight's motion proposes that the member for Redcliffe is more committed to openness, transparency and accountability than the member for Waterford! Does that not reveal how low the bar has been set in Queensland? As Attorney-General the member for Redcliffe has probably overseen some of the most vitriolic attacks on the democratic process in Queensland's history: optional preferential voting gone with 18 minutes notice. We have seen the member for Redcliffe take donations from entities she has been regulating like Star. We have seen her try to stamp big money out of—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Member for Toowoomba South, I would ask you to come back to the substance of the motion.

**Mr JANETZKI:** I will take your guidance, Mr Deputy Speaker. The fact that the member for Redcliffe was more transparent than the health minister tells us everything about how low the bar has been set. The health minister has a record of her own: we saw the member for Mudgeeraba prosecuted for so many years in the child safety ministry back in 2016 and 2017; we saw the washing of documentation and information; we saw Mason Jett Lee; and we saw 4,000 cases leaked by a whistleblower in the child safety department. We have seen all of that from the health minister, so we have to take everything the health minister says with a grain of salt.

Just because the health minister is now trying to control the release of information does not mean that any of the services are improving. In fact, we have heard again today how damaged the health system is here in Queensland. In the Far North we have seen eight escalations over the last quarter for

roughly 40 minutes, for a total of 314 hours. That is just the tip of the iceberg when Queensland hospitals have been on tier 3 for around 700 hours. Ramping remains the worst in the country at 45 per cent. It is 55 per cent in the member for Rockhampton's seat. It was 15 per cent when we left office and 30 per cent before COVID. That remains out of control. The people of Cairns are starting to wake up to the member for Cairns, the member for Barron River and the member for Cook. Notwithstanding their little pretend announcement today in Cairns—

**Government members** interjected.

**Mr JANETZKI:** Far along in the assessment process! We know the system is broken.

**An opposition member:** *Utopia*.

**Mr JANETZKI:** It was pure *Utopia*. We will stand on our record. We were the ones who introduced 16 health and hospital boards throughout Queensland. We backed the travel subsidy scheme. We reintroduced maternity services, including in Cooktown and Beaudesert. If we are elected, we will pay health workers more and we will heal the health crisis.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Toowoomba South, you made statements in your speech to the effect that the House had struck out part of the motion. It was in fact a ruling of the Speaker, so I would just ask you to correct the record.

**Mr JANETZKI:** To correct the record, it was a ruling of the Speaker rather than the House.