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 **Mr BROWN** (Capalaba—ALP) (7.27 pm): The LNP's savage cuts came to Capalaba today and it was the poor Redlands BMX Club that has suffered. It has been cut out of the Redlands sports precinct on Heinemann Road. Not only has the BMX club been cut out; so too has the cycling club and the water playground. Why did all of this happen today? We have seen cuts made in other city council budgets. I know that the Brisbane City Council has cut \$400 million. Savage cuts are being made by the LNP mayor in the Redlands and our sporting clubs will suffer.

Currently, the BMX club is located in Capalaba behind the PCYC. It has outgrown that location and there are parking restrictions. The basketball club is expanding. They are all restricted by the land there. What did council promise? They promised them brand new facilities. They used them in the promo videos in 2021. They used the kids in the promo videos in 2022. What did they do in 2023? They cut them out! It is the poor kids who will suffer. They were promised a new facility. I went back and looked at the promo videos. The kids were so excited about the World Cup coming in 2026. It is an Olympic sport that will be held at Chandler, right next door.

The club was cut away because of a dodgy land deal done with an LNP mate. Karen Williams brought her place from Betty Goleby, who is an LNP stalwart down in the Redlands. A few years later, the council conveniently bought Betty Goleby's land. Ever since then it has been a disaster. They paid way too much because they did the negotiations. They did not do it through the council officers but through the Redland Investment Corporation. They made the negotiations secret. They hid it away, but things have come home to roost. They did not do the geological studies. They did not do any studies from what I can see. Ever since then, the environmental impacts have come home to roost and they cannot do what they said they would do.

They promised a water playground but today it was cut. They promised a cycling course, which was going to be the first cycling course and club in the Redlands. It was cut. Now, the poor old Redlands BMX Club will not get what they were promised because the council did not do their due diligence. They spend lots of money on planning. The rates are the highest in South-East Queensland. We are not getting what we were promised. The rates are going through the roof. Now we see savage cuts. We have had close to 12 years of LNP rule in the Redlands. If those opposite get in then they will cut as well, just as we are seeing savage LNP cuts right now in the Redlands.