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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.31 pm): What we have just seen in the three contributions from the other side of the House is the LNP's version of doing politics differently. If anybody has just watched those contributions, they would have to truly doubt its genuineness of doing politics differently in this state. I have touched on it already this morning, but the LNP has not changed its behaviour. It has not culturally changed at all. Our LNP mayor was quoted in an article yesterday about the political landscape in the Redlands and the way that people are playing the man and not the ball. We cannot make this stuff up, honestly. The toxicity is outstanding. It is actually quite breathtaking.

We heard what the LNP is espousing in terms of its candidates and its changed vision, particularly for the Redlands. Goodness gracious me, let us talk about roads first, shall we? With regard to Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, a 2015 article is headlined 'Long wait likely for Cleveland-Redland Bay Road upgrade' under the Newman government when the Leader of the Opposition sat at the cabinet table. If those opposite want to talk about roads, their track record is right there. They delivered nothing when they were in government and they delivered nothing in the decade before I was the representative, and every single day that I am in this role I will continue to be that strong voice for my community. That goes without saying—every day. You talk about roads, but that is your track record. If you want to talk about health care, you closed the Wynnum Hospital, putting more pressure on the Redland Hospital. You closed the Barrett centre, you closed the—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Member, the comments will come through the chair.

**Ms RICHARDS:** You closed the Barrett centre. You closed the Moreton Bay nursing—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Direct your comments through the chair.

**Ms RICHARDS:** Those opposite closed the Moreton Bay nursing home. They sacked nurses. That is their track record in health care. When we talk about young people and opportunity, they tried to close the TAFE. That is their track record. They cut the Skilling Queenslanders for Work program—a program for which I have advocated and fought even though it was hard to be delivered in my island communities in particular. That is their track record. For us on this side to be lectured about what they are going to deliver after looking at their track record, my goodness gracious me! I will sit their previous 10 years side by side on what I have been delivering in the last five years. I will absolutely any day of the week sit that next to the Leader of the Opposition's track record in delivering for the Redlands—that is, nothing, other than cut and sack and sell. They have not changed when we talk about their privatisation and cuts agenda, whether we call it 'pruning' or 'unshackling', as was the word in the last sitting. When we talk about investments in schools, we did not see any of that in years before.

I could not be prouder of what I am delivering for my community because it is a pretty long list, and I will start with the work that we are doing at the Redland Hospital. The car park has been completed. It unlocks the land and will deliver on allowing us to expand the hospital. Stage 1 is underway

with ADCO appointed to deliver the ICU, to deliver the 37 beds. Hutchinsons will deliver the extra 25 beds. We are not far off closing off the \$40-plus million satellite hospital in Redland Bay for my growing southern edge. That is my track record and I will sit that any day of the week next to what the LNP offers or says it is going to offer.

When we talk about schools, I have delivered an \$11 million new learning precinct for the Redland District Special School and an \$11 million STEM and hospitality building for the Victoria Point State High School. I have kindly being delivered at Russell Island State School, a really complex community, which is delivering for our families. When it comes to the school space, I will stand my track record against the LNP's track record any day of the week. When it comes to jobs, our regional jobs committee is doing a terrific job in coordinating with industry, local businesses and our educators such as TAFE. All of those groups are on board and we are delivering for our community. When we talk about police, I have doubled police numbers on Macleay Island and Russell Island. We have delivered more in equipment and technology than you can poke a stick at. When it comes to delivering for Redlands, I will fight hard every single day of the week for my community.