




Speech By
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MOTION: CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE AND REDLANDS ELECTORATES

 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (5.37 pm): Well, it is always a delight to follow on from the member for Oodgeroo, the never-to-be-forgotten member of the Newman government. We have the member for Clayfield, who was the treasurer; we have the member for Surfers Paradise, who was the minister for education, training and employment; we have the member for Kawana, who was apparently the worst AG; we have the member for Broadwater, who was the minister for local government; we have the member for Everton, who was the minister for public works and housing; we have the member for Glass House, who was the minister for environment; we have the member for Mudgeeraba, who was the minister for science; we have the member for Mermaid Beach; we have the member for Nanango, who was assistant minister to the premier, Campbell Newman; we have the member for Chatsworth, who was assistant minister for public transport; and we have the member for Maroochydore, who was the Speaker. As I have said time and time again, 50 per cent of that side of the House sat in the Newman government. What is their track record? I will tell you what it is: it is cut, it is sack and it is sell, and it has never been played out more largely.

Honourable members interjected.

Ms RICHARDS: Member for Everton, I am sure you are indeed proud of your track record in the housing and public works space. You decimated the department of housing and public works. I am very aware of your track record, member for Everton. The member for Kawana talked about the satellite hospital. I wonder if he realises that his candidate was absolutely delighted to stand beside me and the Minister for Health at the sod turning. Oh my goodness! What? Who would have thought that a satellite hospital was a great idea! The LNP candidate loves our satellite hospital program.

Let us talk about our chamber of commerce and delivering the fantastic Regional Jobs Committees because, again, the candidate was absolutely delighted to stand beside me and Minister Farmer. Wow! When you talk about delivering, it is very telling that in the very first media release she said, 'I've seen Labor MPs work really hard in the Redlands.' Yes, indeed. It is an absolute endorsement of the work I have done over the last five years.

Let us talk about roads, because under the assistant minister for public transport the Cleveland-Redland Bay Road was never going to be looked at until 2025. That is well documented. We are getting on with the job. Thank you very much, Minister Bailey. We are duplicating the Cleveland-Redland Bay Road, so do not talk to me about your focus on roads. Let us talk about health care. I said this yesterday—you closed the Wynnum Hospital, you closed the Moreton Bay nursing home, you closed the Barrett centre, you sacked nurses. Seriously, if you think you have got any credibility on your track record—Deputy Speaker, they are deluded in that space.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Through the chair.

Ms RICHARDS: The track record speaks for itself. I am happy to talk about our beautiful brand new satellite hospital that will take pressure off the Redland Hospital. I am happy to talk about the car park that will unlock the site at Redland Hospital. I am happy to talk about the \$62 million intensive care unit and 37 beds. I am happy to talk about the 28 new beds that are coming through Hutchinsons. I am happy to talk about—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Resume your seat, member for Redlands. The level of interjection is far too high. Leader of the Opposition, member for Kawana, member for McConnel and member for Miller, please stop quarrelling across the chamber.

Ms RICHARDS: As I said in my contribution yesterday, I will sit my five years next to their previous 10 years any day of the week. I am happy to put my track record side by side the 50 per cent of the Newman government any day of the week. Honestly, their track record speaks volumes, and my track record in delivering in education, in roads—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Kawana, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms RICHARDS: As I said, I will put my track record side by side with theirs. I want to refer to the 'donkey-gate' matter. It is on the record in *Hansard* that he called the member for Mackay a 'nodding donkey'. It was stated in that press release on Sunday. You have had two days to stand up and clarify.

(Time expired)