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## ADJOURNMENT

### Logan Hospital, Expansion

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.29 pm): We heard some exciting news today about Cairns and the hospital expansion there. However, that is not the only expansion that is part of the Queensland Health and Hospitals Plan. In fact, there is some fantastic work going on at Logan Hospital. What is exciting—and I am sure everyone in Cairns is excited about it—is that this week it is going to be Logan Hospital's birthday. I am wishing Logan Hospital a happy birthday with the best present ever, and that is the announcement that we made last week along with the minister of the tender for the new \$540 million expansion of the Logan Hospital. That is some 280 new beds, but it builds upon some of the other investments we have made.

We know that this is a growing area. We also know that the LNP does not support growing areas in terms of the services they need. They actually make cuts—cuts to nurses, cuts to doctors—but, of course, no new investment. We saw no investment in this project from the Morrison government. It is something that we are doing alone. I look forward to actually working more productively with the new federal government.

What we have seen, as I said, is the \$540 million expansion. Building upon the previous expansion, there is an \$18.8 million new maternity refurbishment and expansion. There is the \$61 million eight-level car park, and we know it is such a valuable thing for the retention of staff for them to have a safe and clean car park. There is also the refurbishment of the existing clinical and support areas in other buildings. Importantly, that is part of the transfer area, which will contribute to efficiency of the hospital. That transfer area allows patients to get out of beds quicker but still be in an area where they can be monitored, wait for their drugs and also wait for a pick-up, especially if it was an after-hours drop-off. That means that more beds are free for other patients. The other one is the really innovative two modular units that have gone onsite that have delivered beds earlier and quicker, and we are seeing a second one come online.

We have seen amazing change over the last 30 years since Wayne Goss first opened the Logan Hospital and then immediately turned around to make the investment that had not been put into it early in his term. The city has absolutely been transformed and we are investing along with it. I note that there are members here from Logan: the member for Springwood, the member for Macalister and Leeanne Enoch, the member for Algester, who are really passionate about continuing to see this investment because we know a growing area with young families with complex social needs requires a great hospital, and it is this government that is investing in it. Why do we have that? It is because we have a health minister and a Premier who absolutely understand the needs of our growing outer suburban areas. That is why I am happy to wish Logan Hospital a happy birthday for next week.