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Redland Hospital; Former Minister for Health and Ambulance Services

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (2.57 pm): I rise to speak to the chaos and crisis around the Redland Hospital created by the former health minister. Redland Hospital is a basket case and grounds alone for her dismissal: worst ever ambulance ramping at 73 per cent, almost three in four patients, remaining dangerously high; second worst for the 24-hour emergency department waits for a bed; failure to deliver the hospital expansion stage 1 consisting of the ICU and new beds by 2022 as promised; and the mothballing of the hospital expansion stage 2, according to the AMAQ. The health minister got her just desserts, but with the new minister the question is: is it frying pan into the fire? Sadly, we may be going from bad to worse.

The *Hansard* record from the first two days of parliament this week reveal the new health minister, Minister Fentiman, and the Premier together have not mentioned the phrase 'Redland Hospital' once. They have talked about their hospital plan and named hospitals, many of them in South-East Queensland, but not once did either of them mention the words 'Redland Hospital'. The new health minister took a question about health in the Redlands and she did not—maybe could not—utter the words 'Redland Hospital', even about the Redlands. Is it because the words 'Redland Hospital' are now synonymous with Labor chaos and crisis? Like Labor's allergic reaction to the term 'youth crime', it now seems to have developed an allergy to 'Redland Hospital'. Is Labor so ashamed of its record? That is what happens, Minister, when the government deprioritises the clinical needs of the real hospital for a glorified medical centre and overpriced car park.

What can the new minister do? She can: one, break her vow of silence and mention the words 'Redland Hospital' before the end of parliament today; two, today, decide to announce in the budget the stage 2 expansion of the real hospital, the funds that her government promised and the LNP federal government already partly provided and do not just reheat the stage 1 funding announcement—Redlanders will be watching; and three, attend the Redlands health crisis town hall meeting that is scheduled for this Monday with David Crisafulli and I as well as the fantastic LNP candidate for the Redlands, Rebecca Young. She can bring the local Labor members of parliament to listen to locals. For once they can listen to the experiences of locals. I invite all members to come along as well as local community members. The meeting will be held at 10.30 am at Victoria Point Sharks Sporting Club.

Labor's chaos and crisis is clear for all to see at Redland Hospital. The outed health minister got what she deserved and the new health minister needs to show how she will fix the chaos that the government has created.