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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.29 pm): Under Labor, 2023 has been a terrible year for Redlanders because this government has the wrong priorities. It was wrong to promise an ICU in the 2020 election to be built by 2022 and then not deliver it. 2022 came and went and the ICU was not built. It was then kicked back into 2024 and now the ICU itself is on life support, kicked back into 2025 at the earliest. So instead of an ICU, the hospital was deprioritised. It was wrong to cut the ICU from this term, especially during the COVID epidemic. Redlanders are suffering through Labor's health cuts, chaos and crisis. They are angry about no ICU in '22. It was wrong to promise a car park and then charge nurses a fortune for parking, so nurses are parking out on the main road hundreds of metres away. It is a busy major road and they even have to reverse park at times along that road and their cars protrude onto the road which needs to be kept clear because ambulances are passing quickly and accidents have been occurring. It is chaos.

In terms of cost of living, we see an increase in power prices, rent is up and home interest rates are going up. Redlanders are struggling to make ends meet. In terms of youth crime, the community wants safety. They did not need the weaker laws and the fewer police that are resulting in more crime. I will save my comments about victims of crime for the victims of crime bill, but there has been a significant increase in the number of victims in the Redlands.

In terms of North Stradbroke Island, the net fishing ban being imposed by the minister is wrong. It is wrong to remove all of the net fishing licences, as seems to be his plan. This will result in the sacking of more workers on North Stradbroke Island. Some of those licences are owned by Quandamooka people. That is not the commitment that this government made to the island and to the Quandamooka people—that is, that those who own fishing licences will have to sack people. Local businesses and tourism operators will suffer. Tonight I call on the minister to suspend his plan for this pain in terms of the net fishing ban on North Stradbroke Island.

Then there are the medivacs on North Stradbroke Island, and there is a question on notice to the health minister. Basically, the helicopters need to continue to be able to land for medivacs right next to the Marie Rose Centre, not six kilometres away at the airport. I am very concerned about the risks and the potential for some kind of major incident occurring and somebody suffering greatly, even loss of life. I call on the health minister to sort that problem out and sort it out immediately. Then there have been delays to marine infrastructure such as the Harold Walker Jetty and Dunwich harbour. We need to show Labor the door in '24.