



Speech By  
**Hon. Shannon Fentiman**


**MEMBER FOR WATERFORD**

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**MOTION**

**Liberal National Party, Health**

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women) (2.06 pm): I move—

That this House:

1. notes the reckless decisions by the Newman LNP government to the health system, which included—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members to my left, it has been made clear that we do listen to motions being put in this House. We will hear the motion and then we will leave you to it.

**Ms FENTIMAN:** I continue—

- (a) sacking 4,400 health workers including 1,800 frontline nurses;
  - (b) closing the Barrett Adolescent Centre;
  - (c) removing \$120 million in funding to Queensland health community organisations;
  - (d) cutting \$45 million of mental health funding;
  - (e) creating a waiting list for the waiting list;
  - (f) cutting regional services.
2. notes the reported comments by the member for Mudgeeraba stating that she:
    - (a) insists doctors and nurses have nothing to fear under an LNP government;
    - (b) insists the Newman government's record on health is something she would again aspire to.
  3. notes that the:
    - (a) shadow health minister called regional health workers duds;
    - (b) member for Burnett's public comments 'it's time we broke the back of unrealistic employee entitlement';
    - (c) member for Chatsworth has said 'we already know that we could prune things back'.
  4. notes that the current members for Broadwater, Kawana, Mudgeeraba, Surfers Paradise, Everton, Clayfield and Glass House sat around the Newman LNP government cabinet and collectively made negative decisions impacting Queenslanders.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members to my left, this is not the time to debate the motion. You will have an opportunity.

**Ms FENTIMAN:** I continue—

5. notes the former LNP Currumbin MP has described the LNP opposition as 'a whingeing, weary, policy-vacant bunch of ageing grumpy individuals'.
6. condemns the Crisafulli LNP opposition for having no positive plans for health care and wanting to take Queensland back to the Newman LNP government days of cutting, sacking and selling.
7. acknowledges the strong investment and support by the Palaszczuk government in Queensland Health.

Another sitting week, another Freudian slip from the LNP. It feels like only yesterday we were in here debating the member for Burnett's comments about breaking the back of unrealistic employee entitlements. Like clockwork, here we are again. The Leader of the Opposition must be getting tired of his MPs running around saying the quiet part out loud, revealing his secret plan for cuts because, sure enough, the member for Mudgeeraba has sat down with the *Courier-Mail* and laid it all out for us to see. She aspires to the Newman years. She aspires to 4,400 health workers getting sacked, closing the Barrett centre and failing to deliver one health infrastructure project.

Not content with just calling our health workers duds, she wants to fire them too, for good measure. In Mental Health Week, she is aspiring to return to the days of the only government in Queensland's history that cut funding from mental health. These are the member for Mudgeeraba's lofty ambitions. I am sure that she will pursue them with the same vigour and determination with which she pursues the rest of her reform agenda in this House. How can anyone ever trust the member for Mudgeeraba to govern Queensland Health when all she has managed to do in 14 years as an MP is introduce just one bill?

What has the member for Mudgeeraba been doing? Let me tell honourable members. She has been spending a lot of time getting kicked out of this chamber. In fact, since 2020 the member for Mudgeeraba has been kicked out of this chamber 18 times. That is every second sitting week that the member for Mudgeeraba is booted out of the chamber. Yesterday she was booted out for the entire day. That comes just days after Jann Stuckey attacked her former colleagues, saying that another truly disappointing trend—

**Ms Bates** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Mudgeeraba, you will get your chance.

**Ms FENTIMAN:**—is the unacceptable parliamentary behaviour. She said—

In the LNP, getting kicked out of the House for shouting and screaming insults ... is seen as a badge of honour.

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What a pity they don't spend the same amount of time developing policies.

She called the entire lot of them a whingeing, weary, policy-vacant bunch of individuals. We know that the Leader of the Opposition has a secret plan for cuts to health workers and for cuts to hospital infrastructure projects like our satellite hospitals.

*(Time expired)*