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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Hervey Bay Electorate

 **Mr TANTARI** (Hervey Bay—ALP) (2.46 pm): Recently I had the pleasure of announcing further services being delivered to the people of Hervey Bay—and, as we know, they come thick and fast for the regions under this Miles Labor government. Last month I had the opportunity to join with the federal assistant minister for rural and regional development, Emma McBride, when we announced that a new Medicare urgent care clinic will be opened in Hervey Bay. This service is a game changer for GP services in Hervey Bay. For the first time, the people of Hervey Bay will have a seven-day-a-week, free, bulk-billed, no-appointment-required, extended hours GP clinic service available to them.

It has been 25 years since I came to Hervey Bay and I cannot recall a GP service being open and available for seven days a week free of charge—an absolute game changer providing care for urgent but not life-threatening conditions. I want to thank the Albanese Labor government through Senator Anthony Chisholm and supported by the Miles Labor government through Minister Fentiman for hearing my call for this game-changing GP service for the people of Hervey Bay. I have been advised that the urgent care clinic should be in place by the end of this year—another cost-of-living saving for the people of Hervey Bay. Free is about as good as you can get as a cost-of-living saving.

Further, I was recently honoured to stand alongside my parliamentary colleague the member for Maryborough on our electorate border when we turned the first sod on the Maryborough-Hervey Bay Road/Pialba Burrum Heads Road intersection with Fraser Coast regional councillor Michelle Govers. This massive piece of road infrastructure, as promised, has been delivered. Once complete, this renewed intersection will have new traffic lights installed, additional turning lanes, improved off-road cycle and pedestrian paths and dual-lane carriageways each way leading from the intersection.

The member for Maryborough and I know that this project would have not been commenced if it was left in the hands of the LNP because, as has become so apparent by the rantings and ravings of the shadow minister on his many journeys to Hervey Bay, he has no clue how a road project is scoped and designed through its various phases. The member for Maryborough and I did not hear him saying thanks to the local members for delivering this massive piece of road infrastructure when he was in Hervey Bay last week and for the hundreds of jobs that will come with it for our local workers. I know we are both devastated by that—not!

As we have said many times in this chamber, all the LNP stands for is slick slogans and misinformation. These two projects are a great example of how Labor governments are delivering what matters for the people of Hervey Bay and another great example of how Labor governments always deliver for regional Queenslanders whilst the LNP only cuts, sells and sacks. Again I want to thank the Miles government for delivering new infrastructure and services, as promised. I particularly want to thank the member for Maryborough for the work that he did in getting this project up. There were a number of stops along the way, but he got there in the end. Because of his advocacy, this project is well and truly underway and it is going to be a great intersection for the Hervey Bay and Maryborough electorates.