



Speech By  
**Hon. Amanda Camm**


**MEMBER FOR WHITSUNDAY**

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**MOTION**

**Women and Girls' Health Strategy**

 **Hon. AJ CAMM** (Whitsunday—LNP) (Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (6.17 pm): Chloe Stanley and baby Everlee; Jenna McGregor and baby Hugo—Jenna is my local constituent. Under the Labor government, her baby died because of the failures of the health ministers, because of the failures of the then minister for women, because of the failures of the then premier. I have permission from Jenna to stand up in this House and talk at every opportunity about the failure of the former government to keep women safe. They only want to talk about the narrative that suits them. They do not want to speak about all women—all women's rights in this state, whether they are pro-choice or pro-life. They only want to speak about the values that suit them, not the values that suit all Queensland women, and the values that get each and every member of this House elected to the privileged position of being able to stand up for women in our community, no matter what their values are.

Arrogance, hubris and ideology—we have seen that on show over the last two sittings. I am starting to believe that those opposite are not coming to terms with the fact that they are not in government and that what they have left is a legacy of failure when it comes to women's safety in this state.

I am the Minister for Domestic and Family Violence. The amendment to the motion refers to Labor's failure to keep Queensland women and girls safe. Breaches of domestic violence orders skyrocketed under the former government. Strangulation crimes skyrocketed under the former government. Domestic violence skyrocketed under the former government. There was a lack of funding for perpetrators and no accountability. Women's lives were put at risk because of the former minister's failure to actually give a bugger—I withdraw. She stopped focusing on the issue to focus more on the PR campaign. That is what we saw from those opposite.

When the Premier yesterday moved a motion he demonstrated leadership—as our party has, with a united approach—to ensure women's safety, security and choice in this state. What those opposite do not like is that for the next four years they actually have to think. They have to come up with a strategy. They actually have to—

**Mr Last:** They have to do some work.

**Ms CAMM:**—do some work. I take the interjection from the member for Burdekin. They have to do some work with the resources they have. I want to table for the House an article about the coronial investigations that are underway at the Mackay Base Hospital for the women of my community who were failed.

*Tabled paper:* Article from ABC News Online, dated 12 March 2024, titled 'Coroner investigating another two baby deaths within months at Mackay Base Hospital shortly after damning review' [264](#).

The member for Mackay sits in this House—the former member for Mackay held a safe seat for the Labor Party—because those opposite failed women in this state. The member for Rockhampton sits here because those opposite failed the women of this state. Many members are in this House because of the failures of those opposite. Let that be a warning to them, but they are still not listening.

Women, children and families in our community want to be safe where they live. What those opposite do not understand is that this government was given a mandate at the election to deliver safety in our communities and safety for women. We will be a government that focuses on consequences for actions. We will be a government that focuses on victims. I recall the way in which the previous minister for women focused on victims. I have spoken to a rape victim from Rockhampton and to her mother. This woman was sent home to take photos of her injuries and was not given care. All she received from those opposite was a text message. Let women know: we will look after women's safety in this state.

*(Time expired)*