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ADJOURNMENT

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 **Ms LAUGA** (Keppel—ALP) (7.29 pm): Last week the Minister for Health attended the community cabinet in Rockhampton, where she announced a \$7 million investment for a PET scanner that will immensely help the people of Callide, the people of Rockhampton, the people of Mirani and the thousands of people who suffer from cancer every year. The Minister for Health announced the investment for the Rockhampton Hospital, but it will save the people of Biloela having to travel to Brisbane or further in order to get those very important scans. If the LNP candidate for Rockhampton thinks you can get a lead-lined bunker, storage for radioactive isotopes and specialist radiographers who are able to undertake PET scans in a matter of weeks since they have started this campaign, which is really just an email—

Mr Head interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. I am going to take some advice. Member for Callide, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms LAUGA: That PET scanner is incredibly important to the people of Central Queensland, including the people of Biloela. I very much look forward to that PET scanner being delivered, which the Minister for Health so rightly committed to last week after hearing the stories of people like Nathan and Amanda White. Amanda has stage 4 cancer and has to travel to have PET scans. The Minister for Health listened to her concerns and she has delivered. That is exactly what a good Labor government does, and that is exactly what this good Labor government has done in this case. The people of Biloela will be well served by that PET scanner. It will be able to diagnose very serious cancers. People will be able to have PET scans on a regular basis without having to travel the long distances they currently do. I stand up for the people of Central Queensland. The Minister for Health stands up for the people of Central Queensland. The member for Callide would not have a clue about what maternity services are required and what is being delivered. He probably does not have any idea about what a PET scanner does and how important it is to the people of Central Queensland.

In the 54 seconds I have remaining, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Brian Dorey a very happy 95th birthday. I would probably call Brian Dorey 'Mr Yeppoon'. He is one of the most amazing and charming people in my electorate. Just a few weeks ago he celebrated his 95th birthday with the launch of his book titled *Wheeling my own Barrow*. Brian's motto is 'You have one life, one shot, and you have to make the most of it'. This is the motto that Brian has lived by, and what a life he has lived. He served 37 years as a councillor on the Livingstone Shire Council. He was the agitator for Yeppoon State High School, which is now 55 years old. He is the patron of the high school and a great believer in the importance of education. 'Mr Yeppoon'—Brian—happy 95th birthday, and thank you for everything that you do for the community.