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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.37 pm): The state Labor government's school and education crisis has taken a dramatic turn this week. Teachers have overwhelmingly provided their support for industrial action, including the implementation of work bans. I table relevant media releases.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 29 April 2024, from the Queensland Teachers' Union titled 'Queensland Teachers' Union members demand action' [747](#).

This extraordinary development is a damning vote of no confidence in the Miles state Labor government. Labor's current education report card indicates a failure to develop a comprehensive teacher workforce plan, chronic under-resourcing, declining literacy and numeracy outcomes, rising violence in our schools and skyrocketing school WorkCover claims. Labor is simply not listening

Turning to health, under this Labor government our hospital and ambulance system is in crisis. Our hospital, health and ambulance system is falling apart under this state Labor government, and that is what frontline clinicians are reporting each and every day. Ambulance ramping has blown out to 43 per cent, with the worst ambulance lost hours ever. Almost 162,000 hours were lost to ambulance ramping last year. The number of Queenslanders languishing in emergency departments for 24 hours or more has also skyrocketed by 375 per cent since Labor came to power. An astonishing 17,930 patients spent longer than 24 hours inside Queensland emergency departments in 2022-23. This week we have also seen Labor's latest smoke and mirrors exercise on Labor's crime crisis.

On another matter, and as we approach Labor's next state budget, the Miles state Labor government must listen to local residents of the electorate of Moggill and fund and deliver the vital additional infrastructure, government services and community resourcing that is needed. These are important matters which I have consistently been fighting for on behalf of local residents in the electorate of Moggill.

Examples of such matters include: an integrated road and public transport plan with funded solutions; extending the 444 bus service to the Moggill District Sports Park and the Moggill Ferry; funding for enhanced and additional footpath and pedestrian access on Moggill and Mount Crosby roads; committing to an additional new high school to service families in the electorate of Moggill; additional funding for purpose-built learning classrooms and spaces at Kenmore State High School; funded school infrastructure plans for every state school; funding for a dedicated community and neighbourhood centre; sustained cost-of-living relief; enhanced emergency service and disaster management resources; dedicated funding for our local hardworking environment organisations; affordable housing; and, importantly, more support for small businesses in the western suburbs of Brisbane.

What has been Labor's track record to date? We have to remember that Labor is being supported by the Greens. They have cut infrastructure funding, including for the Kenmore roundabout. Labor have refused and denied funding for another high school. They have said there is no need for a community and neighbourhood centre. Labor refuses to expand local public transport and deliver safe and timely pedestrian and cycling solutions. When we combine this with the youth crime crisis, the hospital and ambulance crisis, skyrocketing cost of living and the housing crisis, there is no doubt that local residents will punish the Labor-Greens coalition of chaos in October.