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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.34 pm): The hypocrisy and the audacity of some of the LNP members' contributions in this chamber beggars belief. Seriously, it is remarkable. I pick up where the member for Pumicestone left off. I recall vividly those horrendous billboards that Cherish Life put out when it came to termination of pregnancy. They were horrific. I had constituents ringing me as their kids were seeing those billboards. They were asking me, 'What can you do to remove them? They are just that awful.' I say to the member for Whitsunday that there is not one person from the LNP sitting in the chamber currently who was in here for that debate who voted for termination of pregnancy. Not one! The only three who crossed the floor were the member for Chatsworth, the member for Clayfield and the former member for Currumbin. They were the three who crossed the floor.

I do not know if the member for Whitsunday has spoken to the LNP candidate for Oodgeroo or the current member for Oodgeroo, but I can certainly tell her what their position is on termination of pregnancy and voluntary assisted dying. People's ability to have choice, autonomy and dignity is not something that is represented on that side of the chamber. Quite frankly, I would really love to hear the member for Whitsunday's explanation given that was the voting pattern in this chamber.

Turning to something more positive, though, next week is going to be huge in the Redlands. We have community cabinet coming to the Redlands. The Premier and all the cabinet ministers are coming out to see all the wonderful things that are occurring in the Redlands. People will have an opportunity to meet one on one with ministers, which will be a fantastic opportunity for locals to come and talk about the issues that matter most to them. I am extraordinarily excited for that and for the town hall that will happen. We have Minister Ryan coming to a breakfast with the commissioner to thank all of our frontline emergency responders. That is particularly important on Yellow Ribbon Day today because our rural fires do an amazing job.

I am really pleased we are going to have community cabinet in my electorate. There is so much to show them. I think TAFE might be one of the sites we will be visiting. It is important to have reputable training organisations delivering high-quality training. Never has delivering quality training been more in the spotlight than this week. It will also be exciting to check out our satellite hospital, something that I know the opposition has no desire to maintain. They came out last week and all they had to announce in the Redlands was that they were going to change the name of the satellite hospital. That is all they had to offer for Redlanders. The contrast is so stark between the LNP and our Miles Labor government in terms of what we are delivering: the satellite hospital, the new intensive care unit that will open next year with an extra 38 beds as well as the Lagoon Ward. There is so much work happening out in the Redlands. I cannot wait for next week.

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