



Speech By  
**Hon. Shannon Fentiman**


**MEMBER FOR WATERFORD**

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 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Health, Mental Health and Ambulance Services and Minister for Women) (2.11 pm): I am delighted to be able to address some of the comments from the Leader of the Opposition. Firstly, in terms of the investigations that are underway at Logan Hospital, there is a clinical review internal to the hospital. There is also a root cause analysis which does involve external independent clinicians. There is also a coroner who has extensive independent powers. As I have said today, if anything comes back from those reviews that suggests any issues are systemic, I have absolutely no problems with ordering a part 9 investigation. It is absolutely not correct to say that I will be forced into it because, as the Leader of the Opposition well knows, there are processes that need to be underway with clinicians. Doctors and nurses, who he wants to put back in charge, do these reviews. I am prepared to listen to the doctors and the nurses. Once we get that report, I will absolutely act if we need to—if there are systemic issues.

I note that the Leader of the Opposition says he will not stop in making sure this family and their father are not forgotten. If the leader is so concerned, why has he not gone out today, addressed the media and answered questions about why he believes there needs to be a part 9?

**Mrs Gerber** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Order! Pause the clock. Resume your seat, please, member for Waterford. Member for Currumbin, that interjection was extreme. You are warned under the standing orders.

**Ms FENTIMAN:** If the Leader of the Opposition is so concerned about systemic issues at Logan Hospital, why has he not fronted the media today to talk about the problems that he believes are happening at Logan Hospital? I wonder why he did not stand up yesterday to answer questions about his party's position on the Olympics. The reason is that the Leader of the Opposition is weak and is hiding from the media. He hid yesterday from the media and he is hiding today from the media.

**Mrs Frecklington** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Member for Nanango, you are warned under the standing orders.

**Ms FENTIMAN:** I remember what happened to Logan Hospital when the Leader of the Opposition was a cabinet minister. I was a lawyer acting for the nurses sacked at Logan Hospital. I remember what happened to mental health when the Leader of the Opposition was a cabinet minister. I remember when the Barrett Adolescent Centre was closed. The Leader of the Opposition has still not apologised. I remember meeting with women. I was a board member of the Logan women's health centre that was gagged from speaking out and that lost funding. Those women still remember. They still remember when BreastScreen Queensland had its funding cut. The Leader of the Opposition has never apologised

to the nurses at Logan Hospital who lost their jobs, to the Logan women's health centre that lost its funding or to BreastScreen Queensland that lost its funding. That is the Leader of the Opposition's record. He is too weak to tell us what his policy is on health.

We know what their policy is on health because the member for Mudgeeraba, the shadow health minister, told us. She said that she aspires to Campbell Newman's record on health. I know what that means: nurses and doctors losing their jobs, social workers and physios losing their jobs, and NGOs and community organisations such as the Centre Against Sexual Violence in Logan and Logan women's health losing their funding—and not just losing their funding but being gagged from talking about it. That is Campbell Newman's legacy on health and that is what the member for Mudgeeraba says she aspires to. The Leader of the Opposition is too weak to tell us what his policies are. He is too weak to front the media for two days in a row when there are clearly very serious questions about his party's position—

**Dr Rowan** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Moggill, you are warned.

**Ms FENTIMAN:**—not just on health policy but on a whole range of issues, particularly when it comes to Olympics infrastructure. Instead, he sends out his deputy, Jarrod Bleijie, whom no-one understands. What do they all remember about the member for Kawana? The worst attorney-general in Queensland's history. That is their front person. That is who has to answer the tough questions. Of course, he could not answer them because they do not have a position. They do not have a policy on health. They do not have a policy on the Olympics. It is about time this weak leader, who has never apologised to Queenslanders for the cuts and chaos they inflicted, stepped up to tell Queenslanders his plans.