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 **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) (9.57 am): I join the health minister in acknowledging our tireless workforce across the health, aged-care and disability services sectors and thank them because they will be the people at the front line caring for some of our most vulnerable over the festive season, particularly across my department of disability services and accommodation support.

As we head into Christmas, there are thousands of young Queensland families who are anxiously waiting to see how the federal Labor government is going to pull services and crucial funding out of their lives. Queenslanders who rely on the National Disability Strategy scheme to help fund their supports will be worse off under the current deal by the Albanese government. Children with autism will have their funding arrangements torn up under the proposed Thriving Kids program which no-one has yet seen any details of—neither state disability ministers nor the parents who rely on these supports for their children. The decision was seemingly made on the fly and unveiled by Minister Butler during a Press Club appearance without any consultation with the state ministers for health and disability or the very people whom these decisions will affect.

The unconscionable move by the Albanese federal Labor government to shirk their responsibility in the NDIS will potentially result in more stranded Queenslanders entering our health services. In November I attended the Disability Reform Ministerial Council in Sydney with my fellow disability ministers from around the country, while Minister Butler dialled into the meeting without any detail because he did not have the courage to face disability ministers in person. The federal Labor government have shirked their responsibilities and shifted the costs to the states and territories. They have turned their backs on young children when it comes to disability support.

During Disability Action Week I convened a forum with providers and advocates who came together across the state in a first for Queensland. They shared with me their concerns about the failings and the lack of consultation and reform which is resulting in participants being worse off. Providers, carers and families are anxious about what this will mean for their loved ones. For parents and carers with children managing autism, this is raising their levels of anxiety. Do they stop sending their children to crucial appointments and supports because their funding may be torn up, or do they make sacrifices in other parts of their household budget during a cost-of-living crisis? Many will have no choice but to pull their children from going to see occupational therapists and speech therapists because they simply cannot afford it. We the Crisafulli government are fighting for them. We will not allow the Albanese federal Labor government to steamroll the voiceless.

The latest health offer does not go far enough. It is unacceptable to me as the disability minister, and I know that the health minister will be putting forward our concerns tomorrow. Will the Miles Labor opposition do the right thing and join with the Crisafulli government to call on their mates in Canberra

and tell them that their offer is unacceptable? Will they stand up for Queensland families, which they failed to do during the last decade? We will not stand for Queenslanders with a disability being short-changed by the Albanese government, ending up stranded in our hospital system or, worse still, being denied the critical support in their formative years of development to get the best start in life. We are a government delivering for Queensland and we will not go back to Labor's decade of decline.