



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Callide Electorate

 **Mr HEAD** (Callide—LNP) (9.04 pm): The electorate of Callide is vast, but it holds a lot of fantastic events that people can attend. This year alone I have already been to the Bell Races, the Miles Races, and, just last weekend, the Monto Races—and that was a swelter of a weekend, but nonetheless a cracking day. The Chinchilla Melon Fest was a terrific event. I thank the Deputy Premier for coming along and the member for Capalaba for making the effort to come out as well. It is always a cracking weekend. We have many shows. Show season is underway and the electorate of Callide has the most shows of any electorate in Queensland.

**Mrs Poole:** How many?

**Mr HEAD:** How many, you ask? We have 19 shows! A few too many dagwood dogs may be consumed throughout the year, but, nonetheless, I am happy to turn up and enjoy the many great communities across Callide. So far we have had the Bell Show and the Jandowae Show, but in the months to come there are many, and there is a chance I might miss some, so I apologise if I do. However, this weekend we have the Gayndah and Wandoan shows. We have the Mount Perry Show, the Monto Show, the Eidsvold Show, the Taroom Show, the Mundubbera Show, the Baralaba Show, and the Theodore Show—the member for Theodore might be interested in that one. We have the Callide Valley Show, or the Biloela Show, the Biggenden Show, the Miles Show, the Chinchilla Show and the Gin Gin Show. Of course we also have different campdrafts, as well as the Gayndah Orange Festival. If you are ever after anything to do, there is never a weekend without a fantastic event in the electorate of Callide. Feel free to make the trip and check out our spectacular national parks, our spectacular communities and there are many tourist events to see as well.

Onto another note, we all well know—and I have spoken about it in this House many a time—the mess in local health services that we inherited, thanks to the failures of the former Palaszczuk-Miles Labor government. At the time of the election, the Biloela maternity ward had been on bypass for nearly 800 days, and they claimed the Chinchilla maternity ward was on bypass, but if you have had something on bypass for 2,109 days, you would have to say it is not just bypass; it is, in fact, shut.

In regards to Biloela, I was there at the hospital not too long ago. I wish to thank the Minister for Health, Tim Nicholls, for the fantastic work he is doing to fix the mess caused by a decade of chaos and crisis that we inherited from the Miles Labor government.

We know that in order to attract and retain staff, we need fantastic accommodation. That is why it is terrific that tomorrow, on behalf of the Deputy Premier, I get to open up some staff accommodation in Chinchilla which will help us attract and retain the staff we need in rural communities. We know that to fix the health crisis, we need to make sure Queensland is a place people want to come to and work, and that means we have to treat our frontline staff with respect, which is exactly what the Crisafulli LNP government is doing.