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Member for Gladstone

 **Mr HEAD** (Callide—LNP) (9.15 pm): Labor Left faction members of this House, including former ministers, have at times thrown the term ‘NIMBY’ around which in my electorate is very well known, but would you know that they have a NIMBY in their ranks? The member for Gladstone, a minister in the former failed Miles Labor government, sat around the cabinet table that approved funding for capital works for a project in his electorate at Little Creek Boulevard, Kirkwood, in September 2024. That is when the funding was allocated by the department of housing.

He is also on record in the Ministerial Infrastructure Designations from November last year supporting this project. I quote, ‘Glenn has reviewed the project and is fully supportive.’ Further I quote, ‘He hopes the ground turning will take place in the near future.’ It sounds like the member for Gladstone was very supportive of this project. However, now that he has started to cop a bit of heat, like any good chameleon he has started to change his colours, writing in opposition to this project to the Deputy Premier. He has even gone so far as to support a petition in opposition to this project. This is NIMBY behaviour or, in this case, NIBBY—not in Butcher’s backyard!

The member for Gladstone has some questions to answer. Is he going to go on record in this House clearing up why he supported the project prior to the election but now has tried to change his spots? He has claimed that he would support working collaboratively for an alternative but, if he was supportive of this project in the first place, how can we trust him and take him at his word? This former cabinet minister sat around the very table that approved the funding for the capital works for this project in September last year. In regard to the statements in the Ministerial Infrastructure Designations, I table the first three pages of that appendix for the record of the House.

Tabled paper: Extract of document from JFP Urban Consultants, undated, titled ‘Outcomes of Initial Stakeholder Engagement’ [395](#).

On another issue that the member for Gladstone has been trying to point to failures on is the Gladstone nurse-led clinic. Labor made a promise to the Gladstone community about specific hours for the nurse-led clinic at Gladstone, but they did not appropriately fund it for the hours they promised. Those hours were meant to be delivered by the election. However, when we came to government the clinic was not even open. In July 2024 they promised that it would be open in September, but it was not until we came to government in December that that clinic actually opened.

They also announced the clinic would be open seven days a week, but Labor did not set funding aside to keep the doors open for those hours. Since opening in December, the clinic’s hours have been from 7.30 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday and 7.30 am to 3 pm on Saturday. The member for Gladstone is once again misleading the people in his electorate and trying to blame others for the failures of the government which he was a minister in.