



Speech By **Bryson Head**

MEMBER FOR CALLIDE

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ADJOURNMENT

Many Peaks Hospital Building; Queensland University of Technology, Sciences Faculty

 **Mr HEAD** (Callide—LNP) (9.16 pm): Boyne Valley is a fantastic community in the great electorate of Callide. Today, on behalf of many constituents, I sponsored a petition of 119 conforming signatures with regard to the former Many Peaks hospital. Tonight I table an additional 338 nonconforming signatures. They are a bit of an eager community and did not get the Clerk's approval for the wording before a lot of people signed that petition.

Tabled paper: Nonconforming petition regarding state of Many Peaks Hospital building [1585](#).

A total of 457 people are asking for the former Many Peaks hospital building to be released to the community to be restored and maintained for either a private or a community purpose. For almost 20 years that building has been let go to rack and ruin. Local builder Bruce Costin likes a challenge and he loves restoring old Queenslanders. He would love to take up the challenge of repurposing that building to ensure that it can be used by the community into the future. It is on a great bit of land in a great community. If we could find a pathway to release it then that would be a fantastic thing for the Many Peaks community. I fully support that community in their endeavours.

On another matter, tonight I put on notice my former university, QUT. I will be writing to them asking for an explanation because I have been informed that they are cutting staff across the sciences faculty by 16 per cent. That is my former faculty. It is where I studied. Within that, apparently 18 per cent of cuts will be to staff from within the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. I have spoken about this before and will be writing to them. In my time there the university made a very political decision, which I dare say may have not helped their financial situation, to divest their investment funds of anything related to fossil fuels. They have hampered their own opportunities financially and now, years later, they are likely going to have to make staffing cuts to very important divisions.

I note that this is a time when we need more people in STEM for the mining industry and other industries across Queensland. This is very disappointing to hear. Nonetheless, I put them on notice. I table their statement on responsible investment which shows that they have what they call responsible investment. I would raise the question whether their so-called responsible investment leads to their poor financial situation.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'QUT—Statement on responsible investment' [1586](#).