



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR CALLIDE**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr HEAD** (Callide—LNP) (2.20 pm): I have fantastic news for the great people of Callide: the Crisafulli government is getting on with the job of delivering for Queensland. The communities of Chinchilla, Jandowae and Biloela will be getting a full detailed business case to plan for the future of their hospitals as we invest in the future of these communities. The business case is a necessary process, and I have called for community consultation to be part of this for a very long time.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr HEAD:** Those opposite are laughing.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Cairns, you are warned.

**Mr HEAD:** They do not understand how important hospitals are to these communities, which is why they left a legacy of decline across rural hospitals in my electorate and shut down or put on bypass many maternity services. Labor was going to build lemons across the electorate of Callide with their hospital plan. That plan was completely underfunded and did not leave any money for the important projects for Chinchilla, Biloela and, of course, Jandowae. It was a cobbled together plan that did not consider the future needs of those communities. They did not consult appropriately with the staff who will actually have to work in those facilities. They did not talk to the community. We will be doing that. It is exactly what these communities have been calling for and it is exactly what they deserve. These detailed business cases will be happening over the course of this year, and I am looking forward to sharing with these communities the opportunity to participate going forward.

I also have great news for the people of Gladstone. The Crisafulli government actually is a government that cares for all of Queensland, including that great regional city, which is a powerhouse for our great state. The health minister and the Premier were both there on Wednesday. They announced that there is now a new transit lounge operating there. There are eight new staffing positions and eight spaces in that transit lounge. This is real delivery for the people of Gladstone. We know that under the previous government all they saw was a decade of decline.

**Mr Butcher** interjected.

**Mr HEAD:** The former minister is interjecting right now. Member for Gladstone, I would not be smirking at your legacy for that community because we know that that community was left behind under the watch of the former Palaszczuk-Miles Labor governments. The other thing that was left underfunded in Gladstone was the nurse-led clinic. The nurse-led clinic, announced by those opposite—

**Mr Butcher** interjected.

**Mr HEAD:** The member for Gladstone, who is interjecting, made a big song and dance about how many hours that clinic was going to be open for. They did not leave enough money to support the hours the community wanted, but the Crisafulli government is delivering for the people of Gladstone. As a representative of the Calliope community, I know how important the Gladstone Hospital is. There is an \$875,000 boost for the nurse-led clinic at Gladstone.