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## PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

## **Mount Gravatt Nurse-led Walk-in Clinic**

Ms McMILLAN (Mansfield—ALP) (2.26 pm): The LNP Crisafulli government is slashing health jobs and operating hours at more nurse-led clinics despite telling Queenslanders there would be no cuts to health services. The latest clinic to face cuts is the Mount Gravatt Nurse-led Walk-in Clinic, which opened in late 2024 as a seven-day-a-week facility. It has had staffing reduced and opening hours dramatically cut to exclude evenings under changes by the Crisafulli government. The previous hours of 8 am to 10 pm have been reduced and the facility now closes at 6 pm. This drastically reduces the functionality of the clinic as those extended hours allowed residents to access care after work when their GP was closed without having to attend the already overwhelmed hospital emergency departments.

The Mount Gravatt nurse-led clinic is essential for families, seniors and workers in my electorate who need timely health care. They offer free treatment to all adults and children aged over two years for non-life-threatening injuries, illnesses and common health concerns. Frequently I hear from community members, from my office staff after community members have contacted them and, of course, from members of my own family who live in my electorate who have accessed these services at the nurse-led clinic and satellite hospitals—now called health centres. Our community has received high-quality, personalised and speedy care at these facilities, care that allows them to return to their work and families sooner.

I have spoken with clinic staff and they are understandably worried about their job security and the future of the clinic. These staff members are so passionate about the important service they provide to our community and they do not want to see it cut. Labor's plan was ensuring all Queenslanders could get world-class health care close to home by building more hospitals and health services, and hiring and training more health workers. At no time prior to the election was my community told that their health facilities and their health care would be cut.

We invested a record \$28.9 billion into the health system in 2024-25. That included delivering our big health build: three new hospitals, 11 major expansions, a new Queensland cancer centre and seven satellite hospitals. The Labor government employed 21,000 more frontline health workers while in government, including the local nurse-led clinicians who work at Mount Gravatt. David Crisafulli promised Queenslanders there would be no cuts to the health system. The Crisafulli LNP government's latest move to reduce hours and staff roles at our nurse-led clinics is yet another broken promise to Queenslanders.

I call on the LNP to provide assurances that there will be no further cuts to the operating hours, days of service or staffing levels at the Mount Gravatt nurse-led clinic.