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 **Ms DOOLEY** (Redcliffe—LNP) (6.08 pm): Today we have seen yet another desperate attempt by the opposition to rewrite the narrative on health, but Queenslanders are smarter than that. The people of Redcliffe are smarter than that. They know exactly who broke the health system and who is now working to fix it. I call on the opposition leader to apologise to the people of Redcliffe for the disgraceful scare campaign that he ran day after day outside my hospital with his Labor colleagues and CFMEU colleagues telling people in my electorate that we would not deliver the Redcliffe Hospital expansion plan.

I had to report some of his CFMEU mates who worked on that site to the local police for their threats to me personally. They even harassed and subjected doctors and nurses working at the hospital to unnecessary false claims. Let us be clear: Labor's so-called Big Build was never about patients. It was always about press conferences, flashy brochures; it was about headlines, not hospitals.

Under Labor we saw nearly \$7 billion in cost blowouts and project delays that left communities like Redcliffe and around Queensland stranded. Yet we still have three failed Labor health ministers sitting opposite—the members for Murrumba, Woodridge and Waterford—all now in hiding, refusing to explain how they got it so wrong. The truth came out in black and white in the Sangster review, an independent expert report led by someone who has delivered more than 135 hospitals across Australia. What did he say? He said that Labor's hospital expansion plan was 'an exercise in futility'. Not one project was actually deliverable in its current form or within its budget. But it gets worse: industry experts like Infrastructure Partnerships Australia described Labor's plan as a 'mirage of media releases' and the Queensland Major Contractors Association warned back in 2022 that trying to build 11 hospitals at the same time was completely unachievable.

Labor did not just overpromise, they knowingly misled Queenslanders. They failed to plan, failed to budget and failed to act when the facts became clear. When was the former health minister told the projects were falling apart? When did the former treasurer realise that the budget was blown? Why was appropriate consultation not done with my local elders before shovels were put in the ground and why did they not listen to the clinicians at Redcliffe Hospital about their concerns around design and infection control floors? Even the executive director of Redcliffe Hospital has welcomed the review to get it right. These are questions that Labor refuses to answer.

While Labor let hospitals crumble, they also failed to fund basic repairs. The Queensland Audit Office has confirmed that we now need \$2 billion just to fix the maintenance backlog caused by Labor's neglect. Compare and contrast that to what the LNP Crisafulli government is doing. We have launched the largest health infrastructure program in Queensland history—over 2,600 new beds across 14 major hospital projects and more expansions right around the state. That is more than 400 extra beds than Labor ever promised. This will include an additional 210 new beds for my Redcliffe Hospital. But we are

not stopping there. Our Easier Access to Health Services plan is bringing overdue reform. For the first time ever Queenslanders can see real-time emergency wait data and performance data across all 25 major hospitals and seven satellite health centres. We are also committed to installing new CTs and MRI scanners in hospitals around rural Queensland, including Charleville and Ayr, and we are fixing regional maternity services.

Queenslanders were promised better and for 10 years Labor delivered less. Let us not forget ambulance ramping. That is the legacy of the opposition: broken promises, chaos and cover-ups. Thanks to Minister Nicholls and the LNP government we are seeing a new direction: a credible, deliverable plan that will get Queensland's health system back on track with our Hospital Rescue Plan.