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Redcliffe Hospital

 **Ms DOOLEY** (Redcliffe—LNP) (9.11 pm): I rise tonight to speak about the incredible clinicians and staff who work at Redcliffe Hospital. Last week I represented the health minister, Tim Nicholls, at the Redcliffe Hospital Staff Excellence Awards and was honoured to see a range of awards presented such as the Values in Action Award, presented to the Wellbeing Team, and the Excellence in Care Award, presented to CN Barbara Williams for her work in supporting families with the difficult decision around organ donation.

I also want to thank Executive Director Cang Dang for his remarkable work in leading the redesign process since the Sam Sangster review highlighted the extensive issues with Labor's flawed design and budget blowouts. The Labor opposition are showing more interest in data in 10 months than they did in 10 years, with the member for Bancroft adding to the scare campaign with a performance data analysis. Given that the member likes data so much, let me correct the record.

The latest median wait time to see a specialist at Redcliffe Hospital is 22 days, which is less than the 30-day wait we inherited and nowhere near the some 2,000 days that the member quoted last night. Patients were waiting longer under Labor. If they had not voted for change they would have continued waiting longer, given Labor's failed expansion of the hospital that had been delayed by at least two years with over 100 per cent cost blowout. Labor's plans for Redcliffe Hospital had no room for paediatric outpatients, no mortuary, no training facilities, no concern for staff safety and no plan for a culturally significant tree on the site. That is what happens when you rush for headlines over proper clinician informed planning.

The independent Sangster review highlighted multiple issues, and the executive and clinicians have welcomed the time to go back to the drawing board and redesign a hospital that is truly fit for purpose and culturally appropriate, meeting the growing demands of our community. When spending over a billion dollars of taxpayers' money you want to get the design and the services right, not waste the opportunity to build a hospital that is fit for purpose.

It is the LNP Crisafulli government that is saving the Redcliffe Hospital expansion through our significant Hospital Rescue Plan. Our \$18.5 billion investment right across Queensland is the first credible plan to deliver the hospitals that Queenslanders need. I want to put on the record my thanks to Minister Tim Nicholls for all his support at the Redcliffe Hospital and for delivering for Queenslanders.