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**MOTION**

**Crisafulli LNP Government, Health System**

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Theodore—LNP) (5.58 pm): I rise to support the amendment to the motion moved by the Minister for Health and Ambulance Services. As we all know, our community deserves access to high-quality health services that meet the growing needs of our population. It is the Crisafulli government that is committed to delivering 600 new health beds for the Coomera Hospital, and that is what the community is asking for.

This vital expansion is essential for services including increasing surgery capacity, expanding maternity health services and improved operating theatres, along with a much needed intensive care unit. These enhancements will not only improve patient outcomes but also alleviate pressure on the existing health networks in our region. Specifically, I am excited to highlight the additional 196 beds at Coomera compared to what the Labor Party committed to, which was 404, along with an extra 82 additional beds for the Gold Coast region. These initiatives represent a significant investment in our local health infrastructure and a proactive approach to ensure that our community can access care when they need it.

As the Gold Coast continues to grow, we must also grow our health services to ensure that the services adapt to the needs of our local population. By expanding hospital capacity, we are taking the necessary steps for the health and wellbeing of all Gold Coasters. Furthermore, the Crisafulli government understands that accessing health care is not just about facilities but also allowing the community to easily access these facilities through better master plans that deliver better public transport systems to these hospitals, ensuring all citizens—all of our residents—can access these facilities with ease. Additionally, the construction of a multistorey car park will further enhance access for patients, families and healthcare workers alike. This is a forward-thinking Crisafulli government that is working for the northern Gold Coast and Gold Coast residents.

What is the alternative? Given the former Labor Party's record, the alternative is that we face significant cost blowouts, escalating from about \$1.3 billion to an estimated \$2.254 billion, along with delays to upwards of six months. However, the crucial requirement of 600 new beds was overlooked. As I said, Labor promised 404 beds. Our region needs those beds. As the member for Coomera regularly says in this chamber, our region is one of the fastest growing regions in Australia. His electorate is way over capacity—way over quota—which highlights the fact that we need proper healthcare services.

Labor promised us this big picture. It promised that it was going to deliver all of these beds, but it failed in the fine print. It promised the world, but it failed to deliver. On election day last year northern Gold Coasters voted for change because they were sick and tired of broken promises by the Queensland Labor Party. They wanted change. They want health services on the northern Gold Coast. They want strong health services on the northern Gold Coast. They do not want to be promised the

world when services are never delivered. That is why the Crisafulli LNP government is going to deliver the health services that the northern Gold Coast and the Gold Coast as a whole needs. Labor can promise the world, but all it does is underdeliver.