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 **Mr HEALY** (Cairns—ALP) (9.20 pm): Recently the member for Barron River proudly declared it was an honour to have her name on a plaque at the new multipurpose hall at Redlynch State School. She claimed it was a reminder that her hard work was paying off. There was no mention of the benefit to the kids; it was all about her. Really? Let us be clear: that hall was planned, budgeted and built because of funding secured by the former Labor member for Barron River, Craig Crawford. It was a Labor government initiative from start to finish. The member tells us she is just getting warmed up. If that is the case, what is next? What fresh projects has her government announced for the Barron River electorate? So far all we have seen are full-page ads advertising the fact that they are building a new bridge—no mention of the fact that half of it is paid for by federal Labor.

We see LNP members cutting ribbons on Labor projects while trying to tell Queenslanders that Labor did nothing. It is simply astounding and people are talking about it. It is not just the hall in Redlynch; the Access Community Housing Company initiative recently opened in Cairns was another Labor government initiative. We saw the member for Cook open the Labor funded health facility in Cow Bay which was organised by a Labor government. We saw the member for Mulgrave at the opening of the new women's health hub in Edmonton and the new youth residential rehab centre, both Labor initiatives. We even saw the Minister for Child Safety at the new Manoora Neighbourhood Centre—again a Labor initiative. The exciting women's AFL recently held in Cairns was as a result of a Labor government. This so-called inaction is not only keeping the LNP members in the Far North very busy; it reflects something far more concerning: being honest with your community.

Meanwhile, on 25 March the Premier's office announced the Cairns Western Arterial Road project as part of Delivering 2032 and Beyond. Since then we have heard absolutely nothing—crickets! No progress, no plan and not one cent in the budget. If the member for Barron River is really warming up, perhaps she could start by telling her community what is happening with this road project. The truth is that the people of Cairns know who delivered these projects, and the fact that the LNP claim them as theirs and will not even acknowledge the reality says more about them than anything else. When will this government's so-called fresh start for Far North Queensland actually begin? From where we sit, the LNP are opening completed Labor projects and renaming Labor initiatives while cancelling and postponing important infrastructure work like the much needed four surgical theatres at Cairns Base Hospital and the Cairns Western Arterial Road.