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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Crisafulli LNP Government, Achievements**

 **Mr BENNETT** (Burnett—LNP) (9.27 pm): It is timely we discuss the achievements of the new Crisafulli government. Six months ago the people of Queensland voted for a fresh start and after 10 years of chaos and crisis under Labor, Queensland voted for change and elected this LNP government. We have inherited significant challenges. Everyone knows youth crime is at an all-time high, the cost of living is out of control, our health system and our local hospitals are on life support and residents are unable to keep, find or secure a roof over their head. Locally, for the first time we have people living under bridges in the Bundaberg region. We saw the challenges the region faces and we heard locals loud and clear. Our region deserves a government that listens but, more importantly, our region deserves a government that delivers for them.

I promised, as did every member on this side of the House, to work tirelessly to deliver change for the people of our region regardless of how they voted. For the past six months our government has been hard at work delivering the fresh start for Queenslanders that they were promised. To help keep Queenslanders safe, we made our first changes and introduced our Adult Crime, Adult Time offences, we delivered more police and are making sure they are well supported and we have introduced legislation to protect more Queenslanders from domestic and family violence.

We have taken steps to restore integrity in our justice system and clean up Labor's DNA debacle. I want to also talk about our Hospital Rescue Plan. We will save the Bundaberg health system from Labor's failures. That plan will deliver the biggest investment in hospital infrastructure in the state's history. Most importantly, our plan is credible and deliverable. We have axed Labor's patients tax. We have unlocked more land for housing and we are building more traditional housing. We have cut red tape for builders and increased support for community housing providers. From today, first home buyers purchasing a new home will not pay stamp duty on that new home. This is another Labor tax we have axed.

We have also paused Labor's CFMEU construction tax. This is real cost-of-living relief that we are providing to help property ownership rates. We have axed two taxes, ended the \$37 billion Pioneer-Burdekin pumped hydro hoax and are making record investment in free public hospitals and health services. We have secured funding to deliver the critical transport infrastructure locally and more upgrades of the Bruce Highway. We are the only team, both state and federally, that is committed to the reinstatement of Paradise Dam. We are driving planning scheme reforms in the renewable projects area that were announced today.

We have come a long way in six months, but there is still a long way to go. We will continue to deliver safety where people live, health services when they need them, respect for their money and a place to call home. That is what Queenslanders voted for and that is what Queenslanders deserve. This

weekend Australians have a choice about who will deliver for them. From a local point of view, there is no team better to deliver for our region than two locals: David Batt and Colin Boyce. These candidates know the importance of delivering for our region. They have done this work over many years during their entire public life as well as their private life. Their track record of keeping people safe is exactly the record that we need in our local members. This is an important election for Queensland, and I urge our region to support our local candidates this weekend. If people have any questions, I will be at pre-poll tomorrow and election day on Saturday.