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 **Mrs YOUNG** (Redlands—LNP) (5.29 pm): Today I rise to speak about the simple truth that the people of Redlands know all too well: for years they were let down—let down on safety, let down on health, let down on schools and let down on planning and completely overlooked when it came to the basics of transport and access for our island communities. Labor did not just miss the mark in Redlands; it walked straight past it, and our community has been left dealing with the consequences ever since. Nowhere was this failure more evident than on the Southern Moreton Bay Islands. For too long residents were treated as an afterthought. Parking was inadequate. Costs continued to rise. These are not luxuries; they are essential to these islands, and for years island residents were left to manage on their own. Since the 2024 election there has been a clear shift from delay to delivery, from neglect to action. I have listened to my community and I have delivered.

We made 50-cent passenger ferry fares permanent, we introduced a 50 per cent vehicle ferry subsidy and we delivered a 30 per cent bay island car share subsidy, creating more choice than ever for residents living on the SMBIs, and now we have stepped in to take control of the Weinam Creek PDA precinct, removing all delays and getting on with the job of delivering a much needed multistorey car park. This car park is not the end goal, but it provides the foundation. We are ensuring the entire precinct is planned and delivered properly for the long term. Alongside this, we are upgrading the Springacre and Boundary Road intersection to improve safety and traffic flow as new housing gets underway for Redlanders in the Southern Thornlands. We also secured \$100,000 for the future of Coochiemudlo Island's Emerald Fringe—proper planning.

The Crisafulli government is also taking real action on youth crime. One former Labor MP in the Redlands called youth crime a 'media beat-up'. I would not call a 193 per cent increase in victims of crime a beat-up; I would call that a failure by those opposite. Alongside tougher laws, we are backing early intervention and I proudly delivered funding for the Top Blokes program in my first 12 months, supporting young people with a better path. Just last week it became the 50th Kickstarter early intervention program we have supported in Queensland, helping at-risk youths get back on track through mentoring, education and support, because addressing youth crime is not just about consequences; it is also about prevention.

We are restoring confidence in planning. We are progressing the Southern Thornlands PDA with proper infrastructure and where proposals did not stack up we acted, revoking the Broadwater Terrace SFD to ensure the right outcome. We are also investing in the future of Redlands, including a marine centre of excellence for the Southern Moreton Bay Islands, creating jobs and training opportunities locally and removing those barriers for our young people to be educated on the islands.

Nothing matters more than safety, because when people do not feel safe in their own homes nothing else works. Under the former government, youth crime escalated, communities felt ignored, victims were treated as an afterthought. Redlanders were not asking for excuses; they were asking for

action, and that is exactly what this government is delivering by strengthening the law through Adult Crime, Adult Time, Jack's Law and Daniel's Law. We are backing our police and we are putting victims first—where they belong—because community safety in the Redlands is not negotiable.

I turn to the Redland Hospital. A growing community needs a hospital that keeps up with demand, but under Labor demand increased while support failed to keep pace. Those opposite planned a new ICU without properly budgeting for staff or equipment. Staff were stretched, patients waited longer, families were left frustrated. That is not good enough, and we are fixing it. Redlanders deserve access to quality health care close to home. We have announced a new MRI machine, and it is on its way; an expanded transit lounge, which is now under construction; and a properly funded—and staffed and opened—ICU is now in operation.

Education is fundamental, but in the Redlands investment in schools did not match the pace of growth. Infrastructure lagged behind. Under the former government the answer was always 'later', but for a growing community later is too late. Through the 2025-26 state budget we have delivered record investment in schools, including new amenities and learning spaces at Redland Bay State School, new roofing and a new accessible toilet at Victoria Point State School, new buildings at Redland District Special School and a second stage of the new Scenic Shores State School. Planning under Labor was reactive and not proactive. Growth occurred without coordination, development occurred without the necessary infrastructure and confidence in the system was lost. That is what happens when planning is not done properly, and that is what we are fixing. We cancelled a state facilitated development that failed community expectations and we are delivering the Southern Thornlands PDA alongside the roads and infrastructure needed for long-term growth.

The contrast is clear. The former government delivered delay; this government is delivering progress. The former government ignored concerns; we are acting on them. The former government failed to plan; we are planning for the future. Redlanders expect fairness, they expect action and they expect delivery, and that is exactly what we are providing.