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Your Messenger

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Are you going to put up with another 8 years of Labor excuses, cover ups and deaths...
OR do you want a new Public Health System that really takes care of your family and the children to come...?

Dear valued Resident,

I'm part of the Coalition Team that has the *solutions*. We will build a new hospital with more beds (see over page for full details) and employ more trained doctors and nurses for Bundaberg and the Burnett.

Some of my achievements/commitments so far include:



Whistleblower Nurse Toni Hoffman raised concerns with Rob over rogue surgeon Jayant Patel and deficiencies at the Bundaberg Base Hospital

HEALTH

⇒ Listening to local health professionals and helping them **expose rogue surgeon Jayant Patel** and subsequent **Beattie Labor Government failure to provide adequate health services**

⇒ Worked with Nationals MPs to ensure an Inquiry

⇒ Fighting for **superior health services** including **a new hospital** and the **re-establishment of our Mental Health Unit** and **supporting Patel victims**

EDUCATION

⇒ **Exposing the mismanagement of asbestos in schools** & highlighting the

risk it poses to our children

⇒ Battling to **ensure sufficient resources are allocated with the implementation of Prep in QLD schools, such as Teacher Aide hours**

⇒ Campaigning to **keep drugs out of our schools** and drug-proof children through Life Education.

POLICE

⇒ Demanding **additional police resources** in the Burnett

PENSIONER RATE REBATE

⇒ **Fighting for a Pensioner Rate Subsidy** to stop the discrimination against those living in leasehold retirement villages

FISHING

⇒ Assisting our **local fishermen and women** who have been severely and unfairly penalised by the Beattie Labor Government

DISABILITY SERVICES

⇒ Standing up for **local disability support groups and families to improve and expand services** in the Burnett

ENVIRONMENT

⇒ **Taking a stand for commonsense protection of our environment (like Zero Ocean Outfalls)**

⇒ **Tackling** the massive **waterweed infestation** affecting the Burnett waterways

Other local general issues

⇒ Pushing for **reliable electricity supply**

⇒ Campaigning to **stop the sale of Welcome Creek's St John Ambulance Hall**

⇒ Fighting to have **local roads and infrastructure upgraded** to meet our growing needs

I know there is still a lot more to be done. Given the opportunity, I will proudly continue to be your messenger in Queensland's Parliament. I will continue to work with our community to build for the future. Thank you for your continued support and friendship throughout this truly challenging journey.

HAVE YOUR SAY

If you could fix any problem in our local area, what would it be?

Four horizontal lines for writing a response to the survey question.

Please send back to the Burnett Electorate Office, PO Box 8371, Bargara, Q 4670

Nationals pledge new Bundaberg Hospital

Have you had to travel to Brisbane for medical treatment?

Our Loved ones should be treated and cared for in a Coalition's new state-of-the-art hospital right here in our local community.

Our Families shouldn't have to travel to Brisbane for treatment.

Coalition Leader Lawrence Springborg has endorsed Rob Messenger and Nationals Candidate Jack Dempsey's push for a new public hospital in Bundaberg.

Mr Springborg visited Bundaberg this month to announce the Coalition's plan to build a new state-of-the-art hospital if elected to Government.

Earlier this month Mr Messenger and Mr Dempsey joined forces and launched a petition that calls on the Government to build a new hospital on a suitable 'Greenfield' site.

"The new hospital the Coalition is proposing to build is estimated to cost in the vicinity of \$250 million and have a capacity in excess of 250 beds compared to the current 124 beds," Mr Messenger said.

"It is a very exciting project for the people of Bundaberg and Burnett. The health services in our region have long been neglected by this Beattie Labor Government – it's time for a fresh start in Bundaberg and the Burnett," Mr Messenger said.

Mr Messenger and Mr Dempsey said The Nationals were in full agreement with senior hospital staff, led by whistleblower nurse, Toni Hoffman, who've been calling for a new building to properly serve the health needs of the Bundaberg community.

Mr Messenger and Mr Dempsey said a new hospital was needed for a range of reasons including the need to provide better health services to the people of Bundaberg who had suffered third-world services, death, pain and suffering at the hands of Patel.

"Bundaberg is the hub of a high growth area and deserves a new hospital," Mr Messenger and Mr Dempsey said.

"There are problems with the current building. It's simply not big enough. There are problems with the location of the maternity ward and it's not feasible to extend or refurbish the existing buildings.

"Refurbishing or rebuilding at the existing site would cause disruptions to health services ... and given the amount of suffering and disruptions that the people of Bundaberg have already sufferedthey deserve a totally new hospital."

Copies of the petition will be distributed widely in the community. *Anyone wishing to help distribute the petition can contact Mr Messenger's office on 4159 1988.*



Rob & Jack Dempsey have teamed up and constructed a petition to build a new hospital in Bundaberg

FIXING THE WATER CRISIS

We know how to solve the water crisis.

We have to reduce, recycle and rebuild.

The QLD Coalition's plan includes:

⇒Mandatory rainwater tanks in new homes in south-east Queensland with rebates to offset the cost

⇒A commitment to the development of desalination and new water sources.

⇒\$100 million *Water Saver Rebate* scheme for homeowners to install:

- o AAA rated showerheads;
- o water efficient washing machines;
- o swimming pool covers;
- o rainwater tanks;
- o dual flush toilets; and
- o water flow regulators

⇒\$100 million for a *Business Water Efficiency and Recycling Fund* for councils and industry to use recycled water in place of quality drinking water where it is currently being used for irrigation and industrial purposes



For full details on how the QLD Coalition will fix the water crisis, visit Rob's website: www.robmessenger.com

LABOR	COALITION
X 40% of all visiting specialists have been lost from public hospitals.	✓ We will double the number of visiting specialists.
X 2,462 doctors have left Queensland Health in the past 3 years.	✓ We will reverse the exodus of medical staff.
X Bureaucrats are making life and death decisions for patients.	✓ Doctors and nurses will make medical decisions on patient care.
X Unqualified deemed "specialists" treat patients.	✓ Specialists must have recognised qualifications to treat patients.
X Local communities have 'NO SAY' in the running of their hospitals.	✓ We will re-introduce local hospital boards to ensure local people have a say in their hospital.

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