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Media Release – Clermont health flat lines again

Urgent medical intervention is needed in Clermont less than 6 months after a solution was allegedly found and Member for Burdekin, Dale Last MP, is seeing red.

Despite all the promises, the town finds itself dealing with a doctor shortage again and Mr Last is calling on the Director-General of Queensland Health to ‘front up, listen and provide answers’.

“The Queensland government has failed Clermont again,” Mr Last said. “When the last ‘solution’ was announced there was little community consultation and locals I spoke to said it wouldn’t work.”

“The locals were right because we are basically back to square one. The government’s trial has failed and the price for that failure are the people of Clermont.”

“The ignorance of the Labor government means that, once again, people need to travel for hours to get healthcare and those people are angry. The Director-General needs to come to Clermont, listen to the locals and take the necessary steps to fix this problem, and that needs to happen today.”

Mr Last said increased funding from the federal government and a friendly welcome from locals weren’t enough to retain a doctor appointed under the most recent plan and that he wanted answers as to why the situation went downhill so fast.

“Local families, the federal government, community champions and resource companies invested time and money into a model that was supposed to secure better services,” he said. “The work and money of all those people, including taxpayers, has gone to waste and I want to know why.”

“This is another broken promise on health from the Labor government. Clermont was promised reliable healthcare services and dialysis but, instead, they now have neither.”

“Billions of dollars in revenue come out of the Bowen Basin area for the government each and every year and, despite that, basic services aren’t available. Under Labor we are seeing failures in the health system across the state and, in Clermont, we are seeing a health disaster.”

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