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Mixed diagnosis for health in Burdekin

The diagnosis for improved health services in areas of the Burdekin electorate varies wildly according to Member for Burdekin, Dale Last.

Today's budget, according to Mr Last, also proves that the Labor candidate for the seat misled the electorate.

"Almost two years after the Federal government committed funding for a CT Scanner at the Bowen Hospital, the State Labor government has finally committed funding," Mr Last said.

"There is, however, no specific mention in the budget of the promises that the Labor Candidate for Burdekin, Mike Brunner, made for either the Bowen Hospital or the Moranbah Hospital in the lead up to the recent state election."

"The now-Deputy Premier and Labor candidate said there was money for a business case for the Bowen Hospital redevelopment and a business case for the Moranbah Hospital redevelopment. Where is the money?"

"Of course the CT scanner will make a huge difference in Bowen but I won't stand by and let people make promises they don't deliver on."

Mr Last said failing to provide the promised funds for health services was "yet another low act by Labor".

"During the election campaign, the Labor candidate said the Moranbah expansion would happen despite then Minister Miles saying it was just a business case," Mr Last said. "Not only was that an unforgivable attempt to trick people, now we see the money has vanished."

"It took years of highlighting these issues for Labor to even speak about them and it is an absolute insult to people in Bowen and in Moranbah that, a month after the election Labor has gone back to ignoring these issues."

"The Treasurer spoke in his budget speech about building the infrastructure that Queenslanders deserve. Surely hospitals fit into that category but, it appears, if those hospitals are in Bowen or Moranbah, they simply don't."

"In order to have the health services we deserve, we need to government to be proactive or, at worst, react quickly. What we are seeing here is a two year delay on the CT scanner and no other action at all."

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