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Media Release – Last demands check-up for Moranbah Hospital

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last MP, says an urgent investigation into healthcare at the Moranbah Hospital is the ‘only option’ after deeply concerning allegations were raised with him.

Mr Last said the investigation needed to look into all aspects of the standard of care and that the government needed to fast-track any recommendations of the investigation to ensure a recent event was not repeated.

“Regardless of where we live, Queenslanders deserve quality healthcare,” Mr Last said. “I make no claims to be a medical professional but there are serious allegations that have been made by a medical professional and those allegations must be fully investigated.”

“The allegations that have been made relate to a Moranbah resident who, if the allegations are proven correct, may not have received the standard of healthcare Queenslanders deserve. If it is true that a patient presented three times at the hospital with stroke symptoms before it was properly investigated, that is simply not good enough.”

Mr Last said that, if the allegations were confirmed, it would be yet another illustration of the failings of Queensland’s health system under the current government.

“Many of Queensland’s hospitals are currently affected by ambulance ramping and examples of delays in treatment are coming in every day,” Mr Last said. “It is simply not acceptable that taxpayers can’t get treated in the hospitals they pay for.”

“Whether they need more staff, more equipment or anything else, the Labor government must ensure those resources are provided. Billions of dollars come out of the Moranbah area into the government’s coffers each year and I will not stand by and see the people of that area suffer due to inadequate health services.”

“We must get to the bottom of this as a matter of urgency and the Minister needs to reassure residents in the Isaac that the level of healthcare provided in their area is, at the very least, equal to that provided in the south east corner of the State.



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