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Media Release – Talk fest not fixing region health care

Member for Burdekin Dale Last says Federal Labor Party's plan to fix GP access demonstrates how out of touch the party is with regional health care needs.

In towns like Clermont that had already been listed as a Distribution Priority Area and had the designation of a Modified Monash Model (MMM) 6, Mr Last said the 'talk-fest' was a slap in the face to those waiting weeks or driving hours to see a GP.

"When there are already so many towns calling for better access to GP's, the promises made by Federal Labor fall about as short of the mark as their Queensland counterpart's so-called solution to Clermont's GP shortage," Mr Last said.

Mr Last said while it was one thing to prioritise towns for GP's to consider, it was another thing to actually ensure that there was adequate health care in those towns.

"In Clermont 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 about as quickly as the Queensland State Labor's solution was plucked."

"If the Labor candidate for Flynn was serious about fixing health care he would pick up the phone and contact his Queensland mates to pressure them to pick their act up and do more to ensure towns like Clermont could at least see a doctor when they present at the hospital."

"The ignorance of the Labor government means that we are seeing a health disaster in Clermont and by the sounds of it, the federal Labor Party aren't promising it will get much better."

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