

# Better Healthcare, Closer to Home



## The Miles Labor Government is doing what matters for our hospitals and health workers.

From perinatal care through to palliative care, our frontline health heroes and our public health system play a critical role in maintaining and promoting the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders across every stage of their lives.

The Miles Labor Government will always invest in Queensland's health system - delivering quality care, closer to home.



**46,450 MORE  
HEALTH STAFF  
BY 2032**



**18,781 EXTRA  
NURSES & MIDWIVES  
5,896 EXTRA  
DOCTORS**



**6,576 EXTRA  
ALLIED HEALTH  
PROFESSIONALS**



**2,385 EXTRA  
AMBULANCE  
OFFICERS**



**8,973 EXTRA  
ADMIN & 2,932  
OPERATIONAL  
SUPPORT STAFF**



**3,587 EXTRA  
BEDS**



**\$1.9 BILLION FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH**



**\$1 BILLION FOR  
WOMEN AND  
GIRLS' HEALTH**



**DOING  
WHAT MATTERS  
FOR QUEENSLAND**



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# Our plan to save bulk billing

## 50 new bulk-billing clinics for Queenslanders

**The erosion of Medicare is the single biggest public policy regression of our lifetime.**

Bulk billing has been declining on the back of a decade of neglect by the former Federal LNP government, placing more pressure on our hospital emergency departments.

That's why a re-elected Miles Labor Government will establish **50 bulk billing GP clinics in an unprecedented move to fix primary care.**

Queenslanders unable to access bulk billing appointments are typically left \$40 out of pocket for a GP consult.

Only a Miles Labor Government will support Queenslanders to have better health care, closer to home.

*“Healthcare is a universal right. It's something Queenslanders should be able to access for free, no matter where they live.”*



**Steven Miles**  
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND

## Labor's bulk billing plan

- An elected Miles Labor Government will establish 50 bulk billing GP clinics, at a cost of \$365 million.
- The commitment will ensure Queenslanders have greater access to bulk billing GPs, easing cost-of-living pressures and our busy hospitals
- The locations of the 50 clinics and the support required will be determined based on need in consultation with industry.
- The LNP's plan will be a risk to Queensland's health system. They will cut 12,000 health workers, 1200 hospital bed, cut satellite hospitals.



# Labor's Plan for the Future

## Workforce

**We will always back our health heroes.**

A re-elected Miles Labor Government **will deliver another 15,875 frontline health workers over the next four years**, including:



**8,555** more nurses



**2,000** more ambulance officers



**2,626** more doctors



**2,694** more health practitioners

To **support our frontline health workers** to focus on patient care, we will also deliver:



**3,939** more administration staff



**1,290** more operational support staff, including **150** security officers

We need to **build more beds** as well as **train, retain, and recruit the health workforce** needed to staff our hospitals and health facilities for our growing state.

Hiring more frontline health workers is good for patients and our workforce.

**Our nurse to patient ratios** have shown us that the best way to alleviate overwork and fatigue for clinicians is to hire more staff and manage workloads.

## Tackling ramping and addressing systems pressures

Our health system is under **immense pressure from growing demand**. Our investments mean that across the board we are seeing improvements – **but there is more to do**.

Only a re-elected Miles Labor Government will deliver the investments and initiatives we need to keep driving improvements and deliver world-class care for Queenslanders. Our plan will:

- Put **more new doctors, nurses, and ambos** on the **frontline** to deliver better care faster
- Deliver more capacity to **get patients out of EDs sooner**
- Invest in **new ways of delivering care**, with **ideas from hard working clinicians**.

We are committed to keeping Queenslanders out of hospital, new ways of delivering care, and getting you seen sooner.

**We will protect bulk billing by legislating to ensure that no payroll tax is payable for contracted GPs.**

## We will deliver better healthcare, no matter where you live



Easier access to **over-the-counter treatment** by making the Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice and Community Pharmacy Hormonal Contraception Pilots **permanent**



Deliver a **new free nurse-led clinic** at the Brighton Health campus, **easing pressure on emergency departments**



**\$20 million boost** to ensure expectant mums have access to **world class antenatal care** including ultrasound scans no matter where they live



A **brand-new ambulance station** for the **Upper Ross** community, to ensure help is available **when it's needed most**



**50 new bulk billing GP clinics** statewide, increasing access to primary care and taking pressure off our busy ED's

# Building for the Future





# We have delivered more hospitals and more health heroes

- ✓ Hired over **24,000 frontline health workers** including:
  - 14,000+ nurses and midwives
  - 4,200+ doctors
  - 4,400+ allied health professionals
  - 1,500+ ambulance officers
- ✓ **Redeveloped seven hospitals** in Logan, Ipswich, Caboolture, Nambour, Sarina, Thursday Island and Kingaroy
- ✓ Delivered **34 new dialysis treatment spaces** across Queensland
- ✓ Expanded Queensland Virtual Hospital – **including Telestroke**
- ✓ **Two new medical helicopters** for Torres Strait and Cape York
- ✓ Built **five new ambulance stations** in Morayfield, Lawton, Ripley, Burdell, Caloundra
- ✓ Built the **new STARS hospital**
- ✓ Opened **seven new satellite hospitals** in Bribie, Kallangur, Caboolture, Redlands, Tugun, Eight Mile Plains and Ripley
- ✓ Replaced **six rural health care centres** in Windorah, St George, Charleville, Morven, Blackwater and Mer Island
- ✓ **Expanded mental health capacity** with a new 64 bed unit at Ipswich and a 22-bed unit at Hervey Bay
- ✓ Commenced building **3 new hospitals** in Coomera, Bundaberg and Toowoomba
- ✓ Commenced **hospital expansions at 11 sites across Queensland** – including Townsville, Cairns, Mackay, Hervey Bay and the South East



Labor delivered the new \$65.4 million Eight Mile Plains Satellite Hospital



# We have delivered modern healthcare for the next generation

- ✓ \$1.14 billion **Putting Patients First Plan** to reduce pressure on our emergency departments
- ✓ Introduced **nurse to patient ratios, midwife to patient ratios** and now **counting the babies**
- ✓ Delivered a **historic pay rise** and conditions for nurses and midwives
- ✓ Delivered **free vaccines** for flu, RSV and meningococcal B
- ✓ Boosted funding and staff to the **Queensland Spinal Cord Injuries Service**
- ✓ Cracked down on **illegal vapes**
- ✓ **Returned birthing to Weipa** and invested \$42 million for **rural and regional birthing**
- ✓ Made the **pill and UTI treatment** available at pharmacies
- ✓ Commenced **nurse home visits** to support new parents
- ✓ Growing **Deadly Families and Birthing on Country** for First Nations mums and bubs
- ✓ Regulated the **artificial donor industry**





# Delivering Across Queensland

## Rural and Remote Healthcare

From the bustling clinics in towns to the amazing practitioners in our most remote outposts, our rural and regional health heroes' commitment to ensuring that **all Queenslanders have access to healthcare** close to home is truly inspiring.

Maternity services are a top priority for our Government, and we are delivering choice and continuity of care close to home. We have invested **\$42 million to support the delivery of safe, sustainable birthing services** in rural Queensland.

We are also:

- Incentivising health heroes to **pursue a career in the regions.**
- Investing in a **Rural Generalist Pathway**, and incentivising GP training.
- Creating **positive and stable working conditions** and **retention incentives.**

We know that sometimes Queenslanders need to travel for healthcare. That's why we have boosted every payment in the **Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme** and removed the 'four-night rule'.

With Labor, Queenslanders **can now access financial assistance** from the first night of travel for healthcare, and we will keep working with patients and advocates to expand this critical scheme.

We are delivering **world class facilities across the state.** The **Building Rural and Remote Health Program** is an investment of over \$1 billion to replace ageing health infrastructure across rural and remote Queensland, and **deliver staff accommodation to attract** and retain our rural workforce.

A re-elected Miles Government will invest **\$20 million** to upgrade and expand the **Mareeba Hospital.**

DELIVERED	UNDER CONSTRUCTION	IN PLANNING/DESIGN
Nambour, Sarina, Blackwater, Thursday Island and Kingaroy, Windorah, St George, Charleville, Morven and Mer Island	St George, Charleville, Morven, Camooweal, Normanton, Moranbah, Tara, Millmerran, Pormpuraaw	Bamaga, Jandowae, Chinchilla, Laidley, Boonah, Doomadgee, Laura, Boigu, Lockhart River, Horn Island, Richmond, Home Hill, Hughenden, Biloela, Cow Bay, Badu Island, Cooktown

## First Nations Health Strategy

The Miles Labor Government recognises the strength and resilience of First Nations peoples and is committed to creating a system of care that is free of racism and where all people can enjoy long and healthy lives.

We passed the strongest health equity legislation ever enacted, not only in Queensland Health's history but in the history of any public health system in the country.

**All 16 Hospital and Health Services have publicly released their First Nations Health Equity Strategies.**

Our \$324 million **First Nations First Strategy** is the Miles Labor Government's commitment to seeing more First Nations people across the health system. It means partnering with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Health Organisations and supporting a more culturally capable, better integrated and coordinated health system with First Nations People.



# Delivering for Women

## Women's Health Strategy

**Steven Miles is proud to have been the Health Minister who decriminalised abortion in Queensland.** He understands that abortion is healthcare and will always stand up for Queensland women's right to choose.

**The Miles Labor Government's Termination of Pregnancy Action Plan**, backed by \$41 million, is increasing access to abortion care by boosting the workforce, partnering with NGOs to provide wrap around support and providing more information so women can make informed choices.

A re-elected Miles Labor Government will also deliver \$20 million to boost antenatal care: more sonographers, specialised doctors and improved access to antenatal ultrasound scans, to ensure appropriate wraparound support services.

**Because of Steven Miles and Labor, Queensland women have better access to healthcare like:**

- ✓ Specialised health clinics for focused care for endometriosis and pelvic pain – and community support delivered by QENDO
- ✓ Women's Mental Telehealth service delivered by Women's Health and Equality Queensland
- ✓ Access to the pill and treatment for UTIs straight from your chemist
- ✓ 13 HEALTH and health websites updated
- ✓ Access to MS2Step from nurses and midwives
- ✓ Nation-leading 10 days paid reproductive health leave for all Queensland public sector workers
- ✓ Periods, Pain and Endometriosis (PEPP Talk) Program in Queensland high schools
- ✓ Parents paid superannuation for entire 52-week period of parental leave, whether the leave is paid or not
- ✓ Free period products in 500 Queensland schools
- ✓ Publicly funded fertility preservation services for people with complex medical conditions



**We will continue to deliver:**

- ✓ **Women's health hubs** in Caboolture and Cairns
- ✓ **More walk in nurse led clinics with extended hours**
- ✓ **Publicly funded IVF** for people with complex medical conditions

**Labor will always defend the reproductive rights of Queensland women**



# Mental Health and Wellbeing

## Investing in better mental health services

**Steven Miles is proud to lead a government that recognises the importance of mental health and well-being.**

In 2022, we introduced a mental health levy on big businesses which is enhancing existing and future mental health services, adding more beds and clinicians to offer community treatment and support services close to home. **Our \$1.9 billion investment is delivering new and expanded services, more beds and more community treatment and support for our mental health, alcohol and other drug system across Queensland,** including:

- ✓ An additional \$39 million to deliver **30 new mother and baby beds for perinatal mental health care statewide** on top of our \$89 million investment for perinatal mental health care
- ✓ **\$40 million to hire more staff** and establish new and expanded eating disorder services across Queensland
- ✓ **A confidential, free and permanent drug checking service** - the first jurisdiction to commit to both fixed and mobile pill testing sites in Australia
- ✓ **New \$9 million Mental Health and Wellbeing grants program** for community groups and organisations to support and improve mental health and wellbeing
- ✓ **Over \$106 million to boost Mental Health Capacity in Cairns** including delivering a 53 bed adult unit and 24 bed dedicated adolescent unit
- ✓ \$122.7 million for **40 new secure mental health rehabilitation beds** at the **Gold Coast University Hospital**
- ✓ \$54.4 million for **Fraser Coast Mental Health Service Enhancement** including a new 22 bed adult acute mental health inpatient unit at Hervey Bay Hospital and 10 bed sub-acute older persons mental health unit refurbishment at Maryborough Hospital
- ✓ \$7.8 million for **Putting Queensland Kids First** to provide peer-to-peer support for parents, partners and families who are impacted by or experiencing perinatal mental-ill health, particularly in rural and remote cohorts
- ✓ \$4.8 million for **Tropical Cyclone and Rainfall Disaster Recovery** and \$2.2 million for **Queensland Bushfire Events Disaster Recovery to provide disaster-affected communities, people and first responders** with mental health services and emotional wellbeing support



Labor delivered the new Ipswich Acute Mental Health Unit



# Delivering for Health Workers

## Health Workforce Strategy

**Steven knows the value of our mighty frontline health workforce. They are the lifeblood of our health system.**

From day one, Steven Miles and Labor have been committed to restoring our frontline health services after they were **decimated by the LNP**.

That is why our Labor Government has employed more than **24,000 extra health workers since 2015**, including over **11,300 in this term of Government** alone.

Now, we are ready to do even more with the **\$1.7 billion Health Workforce Strategy**, which includes:

- Hiring an **additional 46,450 more health staff** by 2032
- A **\$5,000 placement payment** for nursing and midwifery students, which has already helped over 260 final year students get their start in their careers
- Continued funding for the **free Diploma of Nursing at TAFE**
- **\$40,000 incentive payment for junior doctors** to train as Queensland's future GPs
- Funding to support our allied health workers including the diabetes workforce, nuclear medicine scientists, and radiographers
- \$37.8 million to boost occupational violence prevention including **70 additional security officers** across the health system, because every health worker deserves to be safe and supported at work

The Health Workforce Strategy includes funding for an **additional 6,100 frontline health workers**, including 2,600 nurses and midwives.

Only Steven Miles and Labor has a plan to recruit, train and retain the health workforce we need to provide world class care to all Queenslanders – no matter where they live.





# Queensland's health system is at risk under David Crisafulli and the LNP

When the LNP were last in government, they:

- ✗ cut \$1.6 billion from Queensland Health
- ✗ sacked 4,400 health workers, including 1,800 nurses and midwives
- ✗ cut over \$36 million from 153 health services run by community organisations, including those helping women and children flee domestic and family violence
- ✗ went to war with our hardworking doctors, attacking their pay and conditions, and trying to bully them into dodgy contracts
- ✗ delayed giving our nurses and midwives a pay rise
- ✗ gutted nursing and midwifery support and education
- ✗ cut nursing and midwifery graduate intake to record lows
- ✗ cut funding from mental health - the first government to ever do so

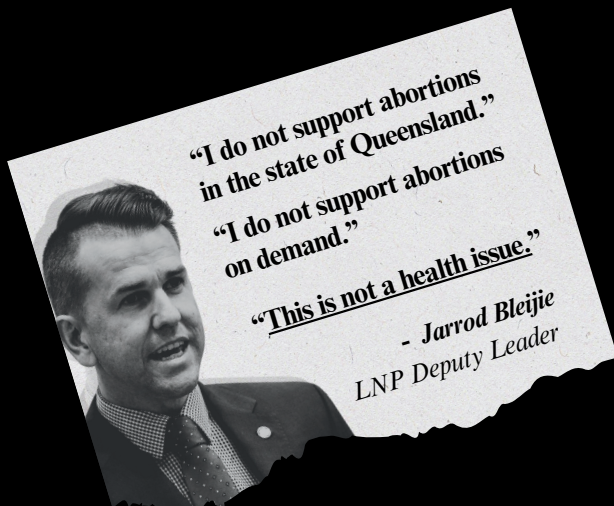
## Not much has changed since then

The LNP have already confirmed that they will:

- cut nearly 12,000 operational workers, including anaesthetic technicians, biomedical technicians, cleaners, wardies and other non-clinical positions
- “break the back” of health worker entitlements, including releasing a plan that forecast massive pay cuts for thousands of staff
- cancel Queensland's satellite hospital program



## Even worse, David Crisafulli's team is chock full of candidates who don't support a woman's right to choose



David Crisafulli and senior members of his team **voted against the decriminalisation of abortion**, describing it as “the easy way out”, “playing God” and “nothing short of legal killing”.

The LNP have referred to abortion safe zones as “censorship zones” and **David Crisafulli has personally endorsed extremist anti-choice candidates.**

**The LNP have previously given an “iron clad guarantee” that they would wind back our laws.**

