

SHADOW MINISTRY

Update

In December, I was honoured to be appointed as Queensland's Shadow Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and Shadow Minister for Women.

As a registered nurse and former hospital administrator, I will be holding the Government to account in this very important portfolio.

Health

Queenslanders deserve a world-class health system Labor isn't delivering. That's why I'm continuing to highlight the Government's failures and hold them to account as Shadow Minister for Health and Ambulance Services.

Our public health system is lurching back to the bad old days under this Labor Government and we have a Health Minister presiding over ambulance ramping and waiting times that are blowing out.

Promised infrastructure upgrades are years away and regional Queenslanders are being treated like second class citizens.

That's why I have visited regional areas including Cairns, Townsville, Rockhampton, Mackay and Bundaberg to see firsthand the damage being done.

The story being told is shocking. Waiting times are up and patients aren't being seen on time. Assaults against health staff have increased by as much as 22% because Labor won't keep them safe.

Ambulance ramping is back



When patients are taken to hospital in an ambulance, they need to be seen urgently. Sadly, this isn't always the case.

One in five Queenslanders who travel to an Emergency Department by ambulance are left waiting on a stretcher for more than thirty minutes under the Labor Government.

These aren't just numbers on a spreadsheet, it's your mother, your son, your grandmother or your friend.

Emergency Department waiting lists blowing out



Whilst the Government plays politics with our health system, patients are suffering.

One in three patients in Emergency Departments were not seen within clinically recommended timeframes. Worse than that, the figures aren't getting better - they're getting worse.

On the Gold Coast, the story is even worse. **More than half** of patients are not being treated as quickly as they need to be. At some points this year, that figure has blown out to as much as two in three patients left waiting too long.



▲ Ros with Deb Frecklington MP, Leader of the Opposition and the LNP team



▲ Ros drawing attention to issues in the health system with Deb Frecklington MP, Leader of the Opposition



▲ Ros discussing ambulance ramping with Member for Bonney, Sam O'Connor MP



BATES BULLETIN

our Mudgeeraba

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Dear Residents

Last November you re-elected me as your Member for Mudgeeraba. I am incredibly humbled by your support. I've now spent nine years as your Member, and I'm more determined than ever to fight for you.

It's easy to forget that nine years ago, our area had been neglected. But through hard work, we've changed that.

We've built a better Mudgeeraba. We've built better services, better infrastructure and a better community.

But there's more to be done. I will continue to fight to upgrade local roads, to build a safer and more liveable community, and to support our local schools, small businesses, community groups and sporting clubs.

I was also humbled to be appointed Shadow Minister for Health and Ambulance Services and Shadow Minister for Women. In this role, I'll be fighting for better health services for Queenslanders and speaking up on issues that effect women.

As always, if I can ever assist you or your family, please get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Ros Bates

Ros Bates MP
LNP Member for Mudgeeraba
Shadow Minister Health and Ambulance Services
Shadow Minister for Women



▲ Ros at the Springbrook ANZAC service with the Mudgeeraba-Robina RSL and local police



▲ Ros helping a resident at a Community Corner



◀ Ros speaking to student leaders during a visit to Clover Hill State School

Get in touch
with Ros

To receive my monthly e-newsletter, Ros' Rounds, email my office with your name and email address. You can also 'like' my Facebook page by searching Ros Bates MP.

LOCAL ISSUES Update

Roads

M1 from Varsity Lakes to Tugun

The Federal Coalition Government put \$1 billion on the table to widen the M1 from Varsity Lakes to Tugun. The State Labor Government was dragged kicking and screaming to eventually commit matching funds.

I wait with bated breath to see how and when this upgrade will be delivered. For the sake of locals I hope they just get on with the job and get it done.

M1 from Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes

Work has begun on the \$220 million M1 upgrade between Mudgeeraba and Varsity Lakes. This will see locals getting home safer and sooner and follows my years of advocacy.

In fact, this will be the final stretch of motorway to be upgraded in the Mudgeeraba electorate. It's hard to believe that when I was elected, the M1 was a dangerous four lane car park from Carrara to Reedy Creek. Since then, I've secured upgrades from Exits 73 to 85, including interchange upgrades at Exits 73, 77, 79, 82 and 84.



▲Ros discussing the M1 upgrade with Steve Minnikin MP, Shadow Minister for Transport and Main Roads

Carrara roundabout complete

The \$8 million Carrara roundabout upgrade was officially completed earlier this year, meaning residents of Merimac, Carrara and Robina breathed a collective sigh of relief just in time for the Commonwealth Games. This was coupled with \$700,000 signalisation of the Lakelands, Palm Meadows and Gooding Drives intersection.

This project was fully and announced funded by the LNP in 2015. It has taken Labor 3 years to deliver.



▲Ros with concerned teachers, parents and police at Numinbah Valley State School

Numinbah Valley flashing school zone signage

The Labor Government is refusing to cough up a mere \$20,000 to keep students safe by installing flashing school zone signage at Numinbah Valley State School.

Motorists don't drive at 40km/h during school times past this school - they often triple that. The school has been told it will be at least another year before they're even considered for the signage. In contrast, the LNP committed to installing these flashing lights had we been elected to Government.

Beechmont Road landslip repairs

Work is underway to repair 23 landslips on Beechmont Road that occurred as a result of Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie in March 2017.

This means there may be stop/slow traffic conditions on some parts of Beechmont Road. Please drive safely. These repairs are expected to be completed in late 2018.

Law and Order

Bollards for local Police

After I raised safety concerns, bollards have been installed outside Mudgeeraba and Nerang Police Stations to protect our Police. Both stations have been intentionally rammed by criminals in the recent past and now our officers will be kept safe as they work to keep us safe.





Springbrook Road repairs

Major works are well underway to get Springbrook Road fixed. This work will repair 18 critical landslip sites and 35 minor sites.

Transport and Main Roads hope to get the road partially opened under traffic control by October, whilst the road should be fully reopened by December, weather permitting.

Springbrook detour signs for Worongary Road

Additional detour signs to Springbrook have been installed on Worongary Road to assist motorists travelling to the mountain from the southern Gold Coast. This will help visitors while the front road is being repaired after locals and I raised this with the Department.



▲ Ros at Springbrook Road closure at Austinville



◀ Ros with concerned residents at Reedy Creek

Community

Sound barriers for Reedy Creek

With the help of frustrated locals, I've launched a petition to have additional sound barriers installed at Reedy Creek as part of the M1 upgrade. Residents shouldn't have to put up with this noise. I have tabled the petition in Parliament and the Minister has until mid-July to respond to petitioners and state whether he will act.

LABOR'S BUDGET of TAXES, DEBT and UNEMPLOYMENT

Queensland's debt has ballooned to \$83 billion under Labor

Costing the Queensland economy

\$10 million a day

\$420,000 an hour

and more than \$7 thousand a minute



**Labor are introducing
5 new taxes
and**

4 new fees and charges
that will rip money from the pockets
of Queensland households and
businesses

**Queensland is
equal worst in
Australia with
6.5% average
unemployment**



18 months after Severe Tropical Cyclone Debbie State Labor has finally allocated funds to finish repairing damage done to Gold-Coast Springbrook Road, Nerang-Murwillumbah Road and Beechmont Road.

No funding for local schools

No funding for local police services

No funding for anti-hooning upgrades

No funding to clean up Mudgeeraba Creek

No funding for flashing school zone signage at Numinbah Valley State School

No funding for Mudgeeraba public transport

No funding for Mudgeeraba - Tallai road intersection

No funding for the Robina Community Legal Centre



And for Mudgeeraba?