



INDEPENDENT FOR KAWANA

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Like strap on sex toys, our hospital is not a political plaything

'People Power delivered the Sunshine Coast University Hospital (SCUH)'; that's the message delivered today from independent candidate for Kawana, Jeremy Davey. Mr Davey has asked both the LNP and Labor to acknowledge who truly won the fight for and delivered the SCUH.

"The thousands of Sunny Coast residents that lined the site of this now fantastic facility and in particular, the late Mr Brian Ginn and the Sunshine Coast University Hospital Action Group (SCUHAG) are the people who not only won this facility, but ensured that Queensland Health maintained the delivery of clinical services.

"I don't know how many politicians of both red and blue persuasion have stood there and back slapped each other. Gordon Nuttall was probably singing in the prison scullery about his involvement," Mr Davey quipped.

Mr Davey said that politicians had a long history of acting on behalf of the will of the people, however claiming all the credit for themselves.

"Constituents get a will and then the vigour of what they want for their community and it is only then that these sought of facilities have a chance of getting off the ground; it helps if you are in a marginal seat as well."

The Kawana candidate today also highlighted the overturning of the former Newman Government's initial decision to privatise clinical health services at the SCUH.

"Poor old Lawrence Springborg was put through the wringer over that decision that no doubt came from the Treasurer's office. I acknowledge the lobbying of the LNP Sunshine Coast state MPs for the LNP Government to overturn this decision, but I bet a major factor was the fear of them losing their seats.

"Stop playing bloody politics with the hospital that community action delivered. Look to the future instead of praising each other for the past," Mr Davey said.

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