



MEDIA STATEMENT

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LIBERALS PUSH TO PRIVATISE THE NEW MIDLAND HOSPITAL, NOT IN PUBLIC INTEREST

Local Labor MLA Rita Saffioti today said the recent announcement that the Barnett Government is still pursuing to privatise the new Midland Health Campus, is a bad decision.

Recently the Minister for Health announced that St John of God Health Care Inc. is the preferred tender for the new Midland Hospital, due to open in 2015.

Ms Saffioti said when the former Labor Government announced the new state-of-the-art hospital for Midland, it was never intended to be run privately.

“The Barnett Government is replacing a public hospital with a private one, in one of Perth’s fastest growing regions,” she said.

“Essential services like healthcare should be run to a standard and not for a profit.

“The Barnett Government has no evidence the privatisation of the Midland Health Campus is in the interest of patient health.

“The Minister has failed to justify their decision to privatise and everyone knows that the first thing that disappears when you privatise is accountability.”

WA Labor has introduced a Bill in Parliament to ban the privatisation of hospital services at the Midland Health Campus. Previously WA Labor’s initial anti-privatisation Bill was defeated by one vote.

“Privatisation of our hospitals is not in the public interest and in a wealthy state like WA, all Western Australians should have access to publicly owned and run hospitals,” Ms Saffioti said.

“WA Labor is committed to keeping Midland Health Campus in public hands.”

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