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Miles must make maternity services available for all: Last

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, has welcomed plans to bolster Maternity Services in regional Queensland but has concerns that the services may not be available to all expectant mothers.

With some areas of his electorate lacking services since 2000, Mr Last said the Health Minister must ensure that the issue is fully resolved; and that the new services are not used for political gain at the expense of regional families.

"I think people in Moranbah, Bowen and Clermont will be happy to hear that services are being reinstated but the devil seems to be in the detail which is very concerning," Mr Last said.

Queensland Health has announced plans to expand midwifery group services and for expanding continuity of care in some areas but details of the plan contain very little detail other than a new service for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

"It's very easy for the Minister to say planning is underway but the people of areas like Moranbah, Bowen and Clermont; and people throughout Regional, want certainty that they will all be able to access the same services that their city cousins do," Mr Last said.

"It's interesting that the government has to get permission from the Queensland Nurses Union to offer these services."

"I thought the Health Minister ran health in Queensland but obviously that's not the case."

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