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Lauga demands more health funding

Brittany Lauga wants Central Queenslanders to back the Palaszczuk Government's call for Prime Minister Scott Morrison to properly fund Australia's health system.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister said despite health ministers from across the country and across the political divide pleading with the Morrison Government to properly fund Australia's public hospitals - and ensure patients waiting for NDIS and aged care places were not stuck in wards - nothing had happened.

"Every state and territory across the nation is experiencing pressures and have been for some time," she said.

"It's not just me saying that; it's every state and territory health minister.

"That's why we all signed a letter last month asking the Commonwealth to meet previous requests."

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Ms Lauga welcomed the support of the Australian Medical Association which has backed the Queensland Government calling for more funding for public hospitals.

She said health ministers from Australia's eight jurisdictions have asked for immediate additional funding from the government in a bid to inject more resources into public hospitals as the country reopens.

Ms Lauga said the strain due to the current Covid-19 demands has added to increased hospital activity, and Queensland requires additional Commonwealth funding to support the pressures on our health systems.

"It's time for the Morrison Government to stop playing politics in the lead-up to an election and start properly funding Australia's health system."

- *Ms Lauga is encouraging people to sign her petition on this issue at the Bell Park Markets on Sunday.*

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