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To the Editor
Central North Burnett Times

Dear Madam

The front page of your paper last week is quite simply absurd and an embarrassment to all of your hard working staff who have worked for many years to make the Central and North Burnett Times an essential part of all our communities.

It is obvious that your newly recruited reporter in Monto was given the job to write about something she did not understand and never bothered to ask me any questions or seek any comments from me or check any facts before the paper was published and it is little wonder then that it is so wrong.

That lack of professionalism stands in stark contrast to the great job that is done every week by your other correspondents such as Rose Reed in Gayndah, Sue Harris in Munduberra and Erica Murree in Biggenden, all of whom have a wealth of local knowledge.

Had you wanted to report the facts I could have told you about the fifty years that I have lived in Monto and how I choose to continue to live there today. I could have told you a lot of things that have happened in Monto over the twenty years I have been fighting both as a Councillor and a State Member against the policies of a Labor Government that has shown no mercy for the economic base of our town and district.

I could have told you about the frustration of fighting to get a Labor Government to do things for country towns and I could have provided a list of things that I have fought for over the last thirteen years in the State Parliament some of which have come to fruition and some of which continue to be an ongoing frustration to me and the Monto community.

I also could have told you how determined I am to ensure an LNP Government led by Campbell Newman is elected at the next election so that a new Government might be able to address some of those issues for Monto and the Burnett and regional Queensland generally.

I could have told you how my role as Opposition leader requires me to travel all over Queensland to try to win enough seats to form a new Government and that is the singly best thing I could do for the people of Monto and regional Queensland

I could have also explained how that my role as Opposition Leader also requires me to spend a lot of time in Brisbane in Parliament and in assisting the transition of Campbell Newman into State politics so he can become the next Premier of Queensland.

I could have told you about the extraordinary lengths I have gone to with late night driving and charter flights to ensure I get home as often as I can to attend local events and how I take my mobile electorate office on a regular tour to twenty towns across the electorate and to sixteen local shows to stay in touch with my constituents so I can represent their interests in the State Parliament.

But it is clear there was no intention from the beginning to report the facts as I was not asked for any of this information. Everyone can draw their own conclusions from that.

I am always happy to hear from any constituent in the Callide electorate who requires assistance with any State Government issue and I will always promote the cause of all the towns within the electorate at every opportunity.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Seeney', written in a cursive style.

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