

~~Mr SCHWARTEN: I do not have those details with me. QBuild does something like \$700 million worth of work a year so I do not go around and examine every job.~~

~~Opposition members interjected.~~

~~Mr SCHWARTEN: I know those opposite are warming to the task of belting QBuild and workers; that is all right. We will get to the bottom of this. If the honourable member would pay me the courtesy of giving me that information, I will have it looked into.~~

~~Let me say this about QBuild. There has been an ongoing undermining of the good work that the people in QBuild do. I notice now that the independent member has joined in. I remember when those opposite had an unfortunate incident up on their floor. They were very pleased to see the QBuild plumbers turn up to fix the problem that had been caused by their own mismanagement of the lavatory system.~~

~~Opposition members interjected.~~

~~Mr SCHWARTEN: That is true. That is when they got their own back. They did not like it when they got their own back. They have never got out of it. Witness this week the evidence given against these people by the rats who have swum away from the ship.~~

~~Like every big organisation, within QBuild there is bound to be something that goes wrong. Let me tell members that they are very pleased to see QBuild turn up when a school burns down and all the rest of it. A number of people have written me letters about that.~~

~~Let us get back to the situation that those opposite are in. I know they are trying to get away from all of this. Let us go back to the major question that was asked here yesterday. Instead of referring their things to the CMC they refer them to Bruce McIver and Gordon Ramsay. I do not blame them for what Gordon Ramsay has said. That is quite all right. But the reality is that we want to know why it is that those opposite referred that matter to the Liberal Party instead of the CMC.~~

~~Ms Nolan: Whoever.~~

~~Mr SCHWARTEN: Whatever happens to be this week. That question has never been answered to anybody's satisfaction. When anybody has made an allegation about one of our members, what have we done? We have send it over to the CMC. Do they think that Gordon Nuttall ended up in jail as a result of some sort of miraculous divine intervention? He was sent to jail as a result of an action taken by this government. That is why he went to jail.~~

~~If those opposite thought these two blokes were crooks and they covered up for them while they were on their side and in the leaky old ship that they are passing for an opposition and they wisely as rats got off, we can tell when a ship is sinking because the rats get off—why did they not go to the CMC?~~

~~(Time expired)~~

~~Mr SPEAKER: Order! The time for question time is over.~~

ELECTORAL (TRUTH IN ADVERTISING) AMENDMENT BILL

First Reading

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.43 am): I present a bill for an act to amend the Electoral Act 1992, the Local Government Act 1993 and the Local Government Act 2009 for particular purposes. I present the explanatory notes, and I move—

That the bill be now read a first time.

Question put—That the bill be now read a first time.

Motion agreed to.

Bill read a first time.

Tabled paper: Electoral (Truth in Advertising) Amendment Bill.

Tabled paper: Electoral (Truth in Advertising) Amendment Bill, explanatory notes.

Second Reading

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.43 am): I move—

That the bill be now read a second time.

Today I introduce a bill of great significance to Queensland. Ensuring honest and truthful election advertising is a crucial element of a fair and just democratic electoral system. This bill is about restoring confidence in our electoral process and restoring honesty in government. It is about ensuring that when people look to our state parliament—irrespective of what side of the political divide they stand on—they can respect our democratic system rather than be suspicious of our democratic system.

This bill will seek to introduce a series of offences into the Electoral Act 1992 and the Local Government Act 1993 and 2009, which will make it an offence for a person to authorise the publication of false or misleading electoral advertising. The bill also makes it an offence for a person to make a false or misleading statement purporting to be fact that is inaccurate or misleading to a material extent.

The bill also gives the Electoral Commission the power to direct the advertiser of the misleading or false information to withdraw it from publication or publish a retraction. Under this bill, all forms of publication are covered, including broadcasting or publishing of the advertisement even on the internet, if the website is maintained outside of Queensland.

Just over 12 months ago Queenslanders were subjected to a barrage of false claims and false election promises. Queenslanders now feel betrayed, feel let down and cheated by a democratic system that had no checks in place. When Queenslanders are told that their assets will not be sold, they have a right to believe their assets will not be sold. I seek leave to incorporate the remainder of my second reading speech in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

When Queenslanders are told 100,000 breadwinners—100,000 fulltime jobs—will be created, they have a right to believe those 100,000 full-time jobs will be created.

When Queenslanders are told there will be no fuel tax—that the fuel subsidy will remain in place—then Queenslanders have a right to believe that there will not be a fuel tax.

Recently the State Government released a so-called green-paper on honesty and integrity in government.

A green-paper on honesty and integrity that refuses to deal with dishonesty in the Parliament and refuses to deal with dishonesty in political advertising can hardly proclaim to be a true discussion paper on honesty and integrity.

That's why it is left to the LNP to drive the reform agenda ... to drive the agenda that will restore public confidence in our parliament.

This Bill is the next step in the LNP's Honest Government platform. The true test will be whether the Government is willing to step up and support an honest election advertising campaign.

The amendments to the Local Government Acts are about ensuring that the same high standards of honesty and integrity are enshrined during Local Government elections as well.

We on this side of the house are committed to restoring honesty and integrity in politics and this Bill forms part of the platform.

I commend the Bill to the House.

Debate, on motion of Mr Dick, adjourned.

~~PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS~~

~~Maleny Neighbourhood Centre; Landsborough Sport and Recreation Centre~~

~~Ms MALE (Pine Rivers—ALP) (11.45 am): I rise this morning to inform the House of vital community infrastructure being delivered by the Bligh government. Recently, I represented the Minister for Community Services, Karen Struthers, to officially open the new Maleny Neighbourhood Centre. The official plans to build this centre date back to August 2006 when then Treasurer Anna Bligh visited Maleny and announced an election commitment to fund this new centre. The Bligh government delivered on its promise with \$2 million.~~

~~This centre was conceived, designed and planned by Maleny residents and it was a pleasure to lobby for the funds. The result is that after 16 years of operation, the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre has a permanent home, which is both modern and spacious and well-equipped to deliver its many excellent services. It also houses the Maleny Flexi School. I am thrilled that it has a permanent base to help children and young people to learn through an alternative education program. I would like to thank the Maleny Neighbourhood Centre and the Sunshine Coast Regional Council for working with the Bligh government to see this centre built.~~

~~I also represented the Minister for Sport, Phil Reeves, at the official opening of the Landsborough Sport and Recreation Centre. Special thanks must go to Councillor Anna Grosskreutz for her tireless commitment to the project and to the Landsborough Loggers Cricket Club, Landsborough Junior AFL and Sunshine Coast Radio Control Car Club for their cooperation and understanding.~~

~~So many people and organisations put their hands up to help us achieve the goal of building a first class sporting facility in Landsborough. The Landsborough Sport and Recreation Centre received \$435,000 in Bligh government funding to construct a multipurpose recreation centre, incorporating three activity spaces and a canteen. The total project cost was almost \$1.5 million with the Sunshine Coast Regional Council providing the balance of funds for the amenities block and, most importantly, the club house and serving area at the western end.~~

~~Not only will this facility accommodate Queenslanders who love their sport, but also those who are looking to increase their fitness and get involved in physical activity. Under our *Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland* initiative we are striving to make Queenslanders Australia's healthiest people by reducing obesity by one third by 2020. With the assistance of the community to involve the next~~