



Speech by

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### LABOR GOVERNMENTS, ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION

**Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.30 am): Today in question time we saw another disgraceful episode—

**Mr Fraser:** This is the last show. Will you be back tomorrow?

**Mr LANGBROEK:**—with ministers behaving like juveniles, as is the honourable the Treasurer right now. He is behaving like the schoolboy that he is and looks like.

This government is trying to make out as though everyone is the same, but clearly this government is different. The government has been in power for 12 years and last week Tony Fitzgerald said of it—

Access can now be purchased, patronage is dispensed, mates, supporters are appointed, and retired politicians can exploit their political connections to obtain 'success fees' for deals between business and government.

He was referring to this government. He was referring to these ministers.

When the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning was required to give more than one-word answers, he could not explicitly rule out anything, other than to say that he had 'not played an active role' in matters involving Inskip Point. The point is that these ministers cannot absolutely rule out involvement with lobbyists. If it cannot do the things that it is supposed to do, it is no wonder that Queenslanders do not trust the Bligh Labor government.

Two-thirds of Queenslanders think that corruption is rife within this government. Eighty-six per cent oppose asset sales. Queenslanders do not approve of the way that the Premier is running the economy and, most importantly, they do not think she can fix it because she has lied—I withdraw. She has deliberately misled the people of Queensland. We need a royal commission, and that is the subject of tonight's motion. We need to see exactly what the government has done. It is not good enough to send the matter to the CMC, as the Premier did yesterday. Thirty-three aspects of land approvals that potentially put millions of dollars into developers' hands will not be revealed via a CMC investigation. We need a royal commission and we need to see that tonight in the 5.30 debate.