



Speech by

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BLIGH LABOR GOVERNMENT

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.30 am): I table three sheets that show reassessments by the Minister for Infrastructure, the Premier and the Minister for Main Roads.

Tabled paper: Extracts from press releases dated 18 May 2010, 16 April 2010 and 7 April 2010 by the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning, the Hon. Hinchliffe, containing the word 'reassessed' [2866].

Tabled paper: Extract from transcript of speech made by the Premier, the Hon. Bligh, to the Queensland Growth Management Summit on 30 March 2010 containing the word 'reassessment' [2867].

Tabled paper: Extract from press release, dated 17 July 2009, by the Minister for Main Roads, the Hon. Wallace, containing the word 'reassessment' [2868].

The Premier seems to think she can make up for 12 years of political deafness by listening for a day. Of course nothing will change—she has made that clear. They will listen to but once again ignore the people of Queensland. Listening without action is as hollow as promising without delivering. It counts for nothing.

Queenslanders have seen straight through this listening offensive and they find it offensive. I recall that another parliamentary leader recently sent out his troops to the electorate to listen. His name was Kevin Rudd. To be blunt, he probably wishes he had not, because what the federal Labor members heard was that their esteemed leader was on the nose. He was detested. He had not quite reached the 69 per cent dissatisfaction level of the member for South Brisbane, the Premier of Queensland, but the people gave their local members plenty of information to take back to the PM. The ALP members got in touch with the sentiment of their electorate. Boy, did they listen. They listened, they heard, they got the message, and they terminated Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's leadership.

So I say to members opposite: follow in the footsteps of their mostly former federal colleagues from Queensland and listen for a day. The message they will get is this: Queenslanders have had enough of their incompetence, trickery, insincerity and hubris. Queenslanders want a government that listens every day, not just when their jobs are on the line. Queenslanders want a government that does not waste taxpayers' money. Queenslanders want a government that does not hike up taxes and charges. Queenslanders want a government that does not walk away from promises straight after an election. Queenslanders want an LNP government. That is what they want.

Many of the members opposite who supposedly are making merit of the fact that they are going to go out and listen to their electorates have never had real jobs, as we heard this morning. The Premier said that they are going to go out and have morning tea and catch the bus with these workers, because they have never had a real job. To hear the Minister for Natural Resources, the former great firefighter, this morning tell us about us supposedly not having real jobs is a joke, let alone to hear the Treasurer talking about the fact that he is going to go out and listen. He also has never had a real job. I have said it before. They have never filled out business activity statements. They would not know what a real job is. They would resign by morning tea because they would not know what the work would be like. That is why all they are going to do is catch a bus and have a chat to people in the tea room. I say to members opposite: go out and listen to the people in their electorates. They will come back and terminate their leader's leadership, just like they did federally with Kevin Rudd.

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