



Speech by

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BLIGH LABOR GOVERNMENT

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.32 am): Again today we see a desperate government using the misrepresentation of words to try to come up with alternatives to the fact that it is a toxic, long-term Labor government collapsing before our very eyes. We have union leaders at war with cabinet, cabinet ministers trying to expel union members, ordinary Labor members resigning in disgust, arrogance and conceit from the member for Mount Coot-tha—

Mr Fraser interjected.

Mr LANGBROEK: He is looking forward to the next election. The people of Mount Coot-tha are looking forward to it too.

We have seen example after example of the Labor Party imploding. The Minister for Public Works was extraordinary yesterday. We thank him for his performance. It informed us yet again that the Labor Party is a toxic mix of betrayal, disloyalty and outright treachery. The Treasurer is touted as the next leader of Labor's shambolic political carcass. The Treasurer who has been the architect of the financial ruin of this state and the fire sale of assets has been anointed as the next leader. The Treasurer who has presided over the biggest increases in the cost of living ever experienced in this state will be promoted to the leadership once the current Premier walks forlornly from the smoking wreck of the Labor government.

The Treasurer or 'Captain Smug', as his colleagues refer to him, will apparently take the job that nobody else wants. He will take charge of the Labor Party train wreck despite the objections of the majority of the ordinary membership. Queenslanders know nothing will change when the member for Mount Coot-tha takes over. The taxes and charges will continue to rise, services will continue to fall, Labor will continue to spend more than it earns and continue with its assets fire sale and debt will continue to rise—\$85 billion worth soon. No matter who the leader is, it will be business as usual for this toxic, long-term Labor government. Only an LNP government can turn this state around.

Mr Fraser interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! The honourable Treasurer. I call the member for Everton.