




Speech by

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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (10.04 pm): Tonight I want to have a discussion with members of the House in relation to an astounding revelation with respect to water—water in South-East Queensland. For months, I have been saying in this House—and members on this side of this parliament have been saying in this House—that Queenslanders in South-East Queensland can hardly put up with the cost of water in South-East Queensland. They can hardly put up with the cost. It is hitting their hip pocket. Yet two weeks ago Can-do Campbell Newman arrived on the Sunshine Coast and he said to the people of the Sunshine Coast, ‘We will get rid of Unitywater,’ to the applause of those in Mooloolaba.

Then we had a debate in this parliament last sitting with the Minister for Water Utilities saying how great this policy was. And today the Premier comes into this place and takes it all away. Do you know what, Mr Speaker? We should thank Can-do for that. The members of the government should thank Can-do.

I will read what some bloggers had to say on the online paper about this announcement. Gremlin10 from Mooloolah Valley said—

Campbell Newman is obviously a genius. He doesn't even have to be in government to get his policies through.

Then someone said—

Anna Bligh is just a can do copycat.

Well, that was me. Proud sceptic from Maroochydore said—

QLD State Labor is arrogant and out of touch and needs to GO AWAY! The LNP is our only hope to fix QLD!

Then JamesMcPherson from Burketown wrote a rhyme. He wrote a rhyme which I will not sing. He said—

I owe, I owe,
It's off to work I go
Done Labor's way
Now I must pay
I owe, I owe

That says it all. Four anonymous blogs say it all. If this is what we are going to see between today and the election, Queenslanders are in for a real good ride. They will finally get policies. They will finally get policies from a government that copycats a can-do opposition.

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