




Speech by  
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**MEMBER FOR KAWANA**

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### **MOTION: BLIGH LABOR GOVERNMENT**

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (6.16 pm): It is a pleasure to rise today to support the motion moved by the honourable the Leader of the Opposition to condemn the failed government for delivering no vision and having no vision for Queensland. We do it because this government has been in power for 20 out of 22 years—too long. The Premier came in and moved a series of amendments.

**A government member:** There is one amendment. It is not a series of amendments, just one.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** If a government who has been in power for at least the last 12 years cannot come into this place and defend their record without having to move a motion with some bits and pieces—one motion with several items on it for the minister opposite—then its record should be condemned. If it has been such a great government, it should have the ability to come in here and speak off the cuff on its record. However, government members do not. They come in here with their notes that have been prepared out in the back rooms. They come in here and they cannot speak for their record.

However, we can. We can speak about their record. We will speak about their record, and it is a shameful record. It is an absolutely shameful record. Honourable members only have to look. Last week the Premier entertained in a debate with Campbell Newman. She had a debate and the commentators gave it to Campbell Newman. Campbell Newman is not in parliament. He is not a parliamentarian, but he beat a Premier who has been in this place for years and years and whose party should be able to stand on its record but it cannot. Today we have seen the absolute silly season and the Labor Party star. That is a government bereft of any ideas, a government bereft of any vision for Queensland. Campbell Newman has a can-do plan. This team has a can-do plan. We will focus on the four pillars of the economy—construction, mining/resources, tourism—

**Mr Moorhead:** What about manufacturing?

**Mr BLEIJIE:** Manufacturing is an important part of Queensland—and of course construction. Manufacturing falls into one of those categories, member for Waterford.

Shadow ministers have been out for months announcing policies, and these copycats over there have copied policies from the LNP, yet they stand here and say that the LNP have no policies. Why did they copy our policy for GPS tracking of sex offenders? Why did they copy the crime squad policy for the Gold Coast? This is the start of it. We have more policies to announce.

In the portfolio of Attorney-General we released the *LNP CanDo Action: Supporting Queensland Women's Legal Services*. I table a copy of this policy.

*Tabled paper:* LNP document titled 'LNP CANDO ACTION: Supporting Queensland Women's Legal Services' [6029].

We will give \$750,000 to the Women's Legal Service so they can re-establish a rural network phone line which should benefit the members in North Queensland because—

**Ms Jarratt:** Hush money.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** I will take that interjection from the member for Whitsunday. The member for Whitsunday says that \$750,000 for women suffering domestic violence is hush money. You should be

absolutely ashamed of yourself. What price do you put on women who are suffering domestic violence? You come into this place following your Minister for Women this morning and say that it is measly money and that it is hush money. You should be ashamed of the comments you have made in this place.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! The honourable member will direct his comments through the chair.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** Absolutely, Mr Speaker. The member for Whitsunday should be ashamed of the comment she has just made in this place. It is not hush money. It is legitimate money for a serious issue because the Labor Party government has underfunded and underresourced community legal centres in Queensland. Only the LNP has a plan to fix that wrong in Queensland. Their record is debt, their record is negligence, their record is arrogance. The only way Queenslanders can get back on track is to support Campbell Newman.