



Speech by

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## **TRANSPORT LEGISLATION (FEES) AMENDMENT REGULATION (NO. 1) 2011**

**Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (8.19 pm): I rise in support of the disallowance motion that was moved by the shadow minister for transport, the shadow minister for multicultural affairs and the shadow minister for the arts, the member for Indooroopilly, on the Transport Legislation (Fees) Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011. The disallowance motion goes to the very heart of why Queenslanders should vote for the Liberal National Party at the next state election; why they should vote for the can-do team as opposed to a tired, stale, out-of-ideas Labor government. The backlash in the electorate is plain for all to see. Cost-of-living pressures—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Hoolihan): Order! Perhaps, member for Kawana, we will start at the beginning and you will deal with things that are relevant to the disallowance motion. Thank you.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** The government tonight will be putting registration fees up for every Queensland. I once held hope that a government of any political persuasion would stand up for the rights of the individual and stand up for the rights of Queensland families. Looking across the chamber I see that that hope has faded. It has faded to an extent that I do not think it can ever be revived. This increase in registration fees will not assist Queensland families.

When we talk about this disallowance motion tonight we are talking about trying to ease the burden on Queensland families. We are trying to ease the burden of a single mother driving to work every day wondering how she will feed her children. We are trying to help the pensioner by easing the costs of travelling to their doctor or health appointment. Any member in this House has these constituents. We have single mothers, single fathers and great Queensland battlers who go out every day to earn a living and do as much as they can. But they are continually knocked down by a government that is supposed to be there to support them so they can work harder, be more productive and pay their taxes. If the government is not there for these people, then who is?

These people do not want handouts; they want a hand up. They want governments to have confidence in them—confidence in their ability to earn a living and pay their taxes. It is every Queenslanders' dream to have a great job, have a great income and look at increasing their income. As we know, as people's incomes increase so do their taxes. When the Labor Party continually puts these pressures on Queenslanders they cannot increase their income.

Since 2009 registration costs have increased by 24 per cent. Since 2008 registration costs for a four-cylinder vehicle have increased by 28 per cent and registration costs for six- and eight-cylinder vehicles have increased by 32 per cent. Licence costs are due to skyrocket to \$152.50 by 2013, an increase of over 50 per cent.

Queensland motorists have been whacked by these rising fuel costs, rising toll costs, rising licence costs and now rising registration costs. Who is in a position to do something about it? The government. Government members cannot stand in here tonight as we debate this disallowance motion and say we cannot do anything about it. It is a CPI increase. They can do something about it. They could support this

disallowance motion tonight and they would be helping every one of their constituents. It would ease the pressure of registration.

One only has to look at what happened to the stock exchanges around the world today to see that we are not out of the woods yet. We still have a long way to go to recover. We continually slug motorists with increases in registration costs. People are crying out for their government to help. This government over the last three years in particular has turned its back on Queenslanders in their time of need.

I started this contribution saying I had all but lost hope, but there is hope. His name is Campbell Newman and he has the can-do team. I hope—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Perhaps we could deal with the relevance issue once again, member for Kawana. I will not warn you again; I will sit you down.

**Mr BLEIJIE:** We are Queenslanders and we will not stand by and let the Labor Party continue to drive a stake into the hearts of Queenslanders because they can ill afford to cope with any more incompetent decisions of this Labor Party. Queenslanders cannot cope with the government continually putting its hands into their pockets. They cannot cope. They want help and the Labor Party is in the position to do it tonight. So do it.