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 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (3.55 pm): The can-do LNP team will cut red tape for homebuyers and the real estate industry in Queensland. On Tuesday, we had the extraordinary comment from the small business minister, the member for Whitsunday, that she is proud of the Labor Party record for cutting red tape. If that is the record that she is proud of, then God help us in the future.

Last Wednesday, I attended a forum hosted by the Real Estate Institute of Queensland at their head office to announce part of our plans to get Queensland back on track. Under Labor, Queenslanders have steadily drowned in red tape, bureaucracy and overregulation. We are committed to helping businesses across Queensland. We are committed to assisting homebuyers and the real estate industry by streamlining the sales contracts and warning statements, whilst maintaining consumer protection.

It has been said by the peak industry bodies that the process of purchasing property in Queensland has lost the important element of consumer protection, with excessive warning statements and directions to the location of these statements that go against the underlying intent of the statements. This is part of Labor's obsession with unnecessary regulation. Red tape is a \$7 billion annual drain on business in Queensland. We on this side of the House and others in Queensland have said enough is enough. We want to make Queensland No. 1 again, the state that encouraged domestic and international investment in our industries.

A Campbell Newman led government will incorporate the warning statements in standard contracts without the need for separate documentation. We will scrap the ineffective sustainability declaration—a document that is about Greens preferences rather than energy-saving outcomes. We will reintroduce the principal place of residence concessional rate of stamp duty that this government abolished in its state budget. We do it because Queenslanders want it. Queenslanders want to cut red tape. They want some more money in their pockets, rather than more taxes, which is what they have got under the worst Treasurer in Australia's history. The LNP can-do team will deliver on that.

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