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## WOODRIDGE ELECTORATE

 **Mrs SCOTT** (Woodridge—ALP) (2.39 pm): I rise today to defend the good name of the people of Woodridge. Since 2001, I have had the honour of representing the people in my electorate of Woodridge. At the March election many of them voted for the LNP because they wanted to send Labor a message. We have certainly received that message. But, as I move around the electorate, more and more people admit to me that they voted LNP but add 'never again'.

In just two months after the election the people of Woodridge are recognising what more and more people across the state are recognising: this government has broken its commitment to them. They will be hurt by this government's cuts to government jobs. It is the LNP that promised not to sack government workers but then did exactly that once it won government. They will be hurt by this government's cuts to front-line staff and services. It is the LNP that said it would focus on the needs of Queensland families. But its first big capital works project is for a new executive building for the Premier and his ministers.

The people of Woodridge are already growing tired of this government's blame game. They do not want a government that is fixated on the past and which blames the previous government for anything and everything that goes wrong. Woodridge is a strong and vibrant community full of families facing the same pressures as families elsewhere in Australia. They want decent jobs and fair wages. They want to do the best for their children's future. They also want a government with the same goals. They certainly do not need a government or ministers who look down on them.

Anyone present in this House last night would know the sneering tone one member opposite used when suggesting that the people in Woodridge were not savers. Those present would know how he had to change tack and cover his tracks when he realised what he was starting to say. The community of Woodridge has many unmet needs and I will continue to assist the people of Woodridge where and whenever I can. I will also defend them when necessary, because what they definitely do not need is to be subjected to the snobbery dished out freely last night by the Attorney-General.