




Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**

**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**MOTION: COMMISSION OF AUDIT**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (6.19 pm): I rise to speak to the amended motion put forward by the honourable Treasurer. It gives me great pleasure to sum up some of the inconsistent statements that have come from the other side of the chamber.

**An honourable member:** You've only got five minutes.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I do have only five minutes, so I will have to be quite quick. To put it in simple terms for the benefit of the shadow Treasurer, the report needed to be commissioned in the first place to work out what we, as a government, could do reasonably with the debt they and their colleagues left the people of Queensland. The member for Mulgrave used the phrase 'fictional debt scenarios' from the first report. I remind the member for Mulgrave that it was his colleague, a fictional Treasurer, who did not seem to understand good economic policies that enable the people of Queensland to have the money to build hospitals and decent roads, instead leaving the people of Queensland with enormous debts.

The Leader of the Opposition talked about the 47 days since this report has been handed down, which will enable our cabinet ministers, the Premier and the Treasurer to actually contemplate—

**Mrs Miller** interjected.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Order, member for Bundamba!

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I am sorry, Madam Speaker. I thought that there was something in the rules about not commenting on people who are not in the chamber because there may be a good reason for that. I reiterate what my colleague just said about the pot calling the kettle black. It was the government of the member opposite that said there will be no asset sales, but straight after winning the election turned around and, I think within 16 days, directed the first asset sale.

I wonder why the member for Mackay is so anti the Queensland Plan summit being in his own electorate. The electorate of Nanango would have loved to have held the Queensland Plan summit, so that is really quite sad. However, we look forward to being in Mackay in a couple of weeks time.

I must touch on the comments of the member for Bundamba, although I apologise to those who were not here as she really had nothing to say. She had to be warned. I think she thought the debate was about health or international relations, although I am not quite sure.

**A government member:** A screechfest.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** It was a bit of a screechfest. I take that interjection. I turn to the member for South Brisbane's comments about Mark Twain. Is she kidding? Ignorance and confidence? What we heard was five minutes of just ignorance—with a splash of confidence, I will give her that. The member talked about the first cut. Has the opposition asked even one question in relation to the Commission of Audit? There has not been one question and there is no interest in any aspect of the contents of that report at all. They have now been given the executive summary and still they do not ask decent questions or hold a decent debate about the contents of the executive summary. All they

ask is why they have not received it after 47 days. We are comparing that with their 388 days of zip. They have no policies. They cannot give us anything to tell us why they would be better in government than us. That is right: because they had just about 20 years of that—save a little bit in the middle—and look what they did to the state of Queensland.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Madam SPEAKER:** Order, members! I cannot hear the member for Nanango. There are too many interjections from my left.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** The member for South Brisbane talked about Costello and the asset sales under the Howard/Costello government. What about the Labor Treasurer, Keating, and the sale of the Commonwealth Bank, the OTC, Qantas—

*(Time expired)*