




Speech By
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MOTION: REDCLIFFE ELECTORATE

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Mundingburra—LNP) (Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience) (6.19 pm): It is great to follow the member for South Brisbane who spent a lot of time campaigning in Griffith. We would love to have her in Redcliffe next weekend if she is free. We would love for some of that success to go over the peninsula.

I support the amendment moved by the Premier. First of all, I want to start with some common ground. It is some common ground that I do not think we have spent enough time talking about. The 88 people in this place all agree that the people of Redcliffe were let down by Mr Driscoll. That is not to be debated. There is no debate about that. The debate is where we go from here. That is the issue of fundamental difference that I have heard in this debate this evening.

I acknowledge the work that people like the members for Murrumba and Pine Rivers have done in covering the Redcliffe electorate given the abysmal performance of this former member of parliament. As somebody who does not live or has never lived in Redcliffe, I am guided by local opinion. I placed great faith in the views of those elected to serve at what I think is the purest level of government—local government. I listened with great intent on Thursday, 6 February—

An opposition member interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I will not take that interjection because the member has disgraced herself all day. I will not place on record how disgraceful she has been so I will not take the interjection. Mayor Sutherland, the mayor of the Moreton Bay Regional Council, said the following—

I think my working relationship with Ms D'Ath is going to be very difficult anyway in the fact that Yvette will not be able to deliver for this community in opposition. She was struggling to deliver for the community when she was in government and we have a long list of broken promises, including money for the PCYC, including money for the sports museum, including money for this and that. So I don't know how it's going to change. If you can't deliver when you're in government, how can you deliver in opposition?

As far as Scott Driscoll goes, yes there is a community expectation. People are upset and hurt. But now is the time to rebuild. It's certainly not the time to turn around and take sides—and, you know, should we pay back? We are going to shoot ourselves in the foot as a community and that's what is going to happen. I mean Driscoll lied to the Premier. He lied to the government. He lied to me as the mayor and he lied to the community, and he's going to pay a price for his deception. But now is the time to rebuild and it's important for us as a community. If we put someone in opposition it's tantamount to, as far as I can see, shooting ourselves in the foot because we've had no voice for the past two years and we're going to have no voice into the future as far as government decisions are concerned.

Mayor Sutherland lists some interesting things. He talks about the long list of broken promises, the money for the PCYC, the money for the sports museum and money for the Redcliffe arts centre. He has clearly articulated what he feels is a big issue.

Who is the person who the opposition are putting up in what is a very important election? It is the person who ruled out running in the seat if she lost the federal election. It is the person who was the champion of the carbon tax. It is the person who was the chairman of the committee who cleared

Craig Thomson. Above all, a little fact that has not been raised is that she was the only Queensland sitting member at the last election who was shown the door but ran again. The message was sent loud and clear.

What we have had in the debate has been interesting. We have had the member for Bundamba and the member for Mulgrave paint a picture of a hospital that has gone to rack and ruin in the last two years, a pricing path for things like water and electricity that all of a sudden has spiralled out of control in the last couple of years. We have had the member for South Brisbane, who was not even in this place, defending the infrastructure record of a government that sent the state's finances broke in a boom.

The LNP government has been delivering for the people of Redcliffe. They do have a clear choice. Above all, if there is only one message that the people of Redcliffe should have in their minds when they turn up to vote it is: if Yvette D'Ath will not be able to deliver for her community, if she was not capable of delivering in government, how on earth is she capable of delivering in opposition?