



Speech By  
**Hon. Curtis Pitt**


**MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Liberal National Party**

 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships) (9.59 am): Yesterday the Leader of the Opposition wasted an ideal opportunity, just like he has wasted one today, to come clean to Queenslanders about what their plan actually is. He spent 51 minutes yesterday complaining about a measured and responsible budget, one that has been widely well received by business, industry, unions and community members. He spent just nine minutes on a half-hearted approach to provide what he himself called an outline for a framework. It is a plan for a plan. When our plan is a plan for jobs for Queenslanders, his plan is a plan for more jobs for more politicians. Of course, he did not rule out asset sales. He said that he is going to see if he can persuade Queenslanders to do asset sales in the future. He made the startling revelation that he was going to continue what they were doing in government. That worked out very well!

The Leader of the Opposition also said that he is going to move on from Campbell Newman's four pillars to five pillars. He has added, very conveniently, knowledge based industries, which he has again borrowed from the Premier, who has been talking about Advance Queensland for more than a year. It has been confirmed that he had no plan about lowering debt. He is still scaring public servants, the same people he said back in 2009 were going to be 'de-necessary'. He is so bereft of ideas as opposition leader that he has had to try to claim some of our policies as his own. We know what he has done around social benefit bonds. Obviously there was a little birdie, as the member for Caloundra says, whispering in his ear, telling him what our policies were. The worst thing is that he says the LNP would continue to deliver services. What a furphy. The LNP had forecast in 2014-15 to actually run a deficit. So I do not know where these continued operating surpluses would have come from.

They have no plan, they have failed policies and they have no ability to tell us how they are going to pay down \$10 billion of general government sector debt if they do not support our plan. If the Leader of the Opposition wants to take the same obstructionist approach that his mate Tony Abbott took in opposition and is now taking in government, he really is well suited to moving to Canberra. He has also spent more time talking about 2009 than 2012. More accurately, he spent more time talking about the last three times he delivered the budget reply as opposition leader than any future plans. There has been no new policy since he resumed his own old post—no new ideas, no initiatives. It is just like Marty McFly: back to the future.

Only Labor has a plan to deliver jobs—jobs for the future—with Advance Queensland but, more importantly, jobs now, not more jobs for politicians. What we do know is that it is snowing in the Leader of the Opposition's electorate today. The policy freeze continues.