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 **Miss BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (8.55 pm): Today I rise to speak against the disallowance motion moved by those opposite. It is no surprise that tonight we see those opposite in this House again playing politics. They are playing politics with jobs, with services and with our economy. I put these questions forward on the topic: what happens when the freeze is over? Does it ever end? If we freeze this, what else should we freeze? Perhaps we should provide everything for free and join the opposition in their land of make-believe where it is 2012 all over again, they had no responsibilities, they had not picked a fight with doctors or sacked public servants, and they had not taken an asset sales agenda to the electorate. It must be nice back there in the good old days before the nightmare that Queenslanders had to endure—that is, the LNP actually being in government.

A friend of mine always says that the problem for those who do not vote Labor is that they get LNP governments. I think the problem for the LNP with winning elections is that they actually have to govern and they get stuck. Maybe they do not need a policy like this. Maybe they do not need a review from their trusted party elders, who themselves had a great winning record in government! Maybe what they need is Doc, McFly and the DeLorean. Maybe when they go back—back to 2012—they go back to a future when this kind of trick worked on the electorate. Sadly for those opposite, even McFly cannot help them tonight.

Today those opposite stand in this place and put forward an argument, but let us separate the facts from the smoke and mirrors; let us really see this policy for what it is. As those opposite sit here tonight, we are being asked to buy into an LNP fantasy. We are being asked to pretend it is 2012 again and that 2013 and 2014 did not happen. We are being asked to forget about the election in January and we are being asked to buy into the historical reconstruction of those opposite. Again, sadly, like the rest of Queensland, we on this side remember the past three years.

The reality is that when Queenslanders went to the polling booth this year, they cast their vote on who would be best to govern Queensland and on who had the best plan for Queensland. They voted on the future that they wanted and on the direction that they wanted to head in. When Queenslanders went to the polls this January, they went equipped with the policy of political parties. What did voters find when they went searching for the LNP's policy on freezing registrations—nada, nil, zip, zero. The policy of freezing registrations did not feature in the campaign of the LNP, yet here tonight they seem to be trying to convince us that it was a crucial part of their long-term plan. What do we find when we start to scratch the surface of this? The LNP had no plans to continue this scheme into the future. It was not part of their Strong Choices program.

Let us look at the 2012 policy that the LNP had. On 1 July 2012, they applied a three-year freeze to the registration fees for family vehicles. It was a freeze that applied to all passenger cars and light commercial vehicles that were registered for the purposes of private use. Under the LNP

regime, compulsory third-party costs, which of course were regulated by the Motor Accident Insurance Commission, were not included in the freeze. What we are debating this evening is whether a government will carry on its predecessor's policy, a policy that neither the government nor its predecessor, those opposite, had any intention of doing. This was never in the LNP's forward estimates and now they cry and moan that they will not be able to present it back to the future under our government, a new government. Give us a break.

The freeze on registration was only ever a three-year policy. It was an election commitment from those opposite—a commitment in 2012 not in 2015. It is only an issue in this place today because it suits the political purposes of those opposite. Rather than take a solid suite of policy positions to the last election, those on that side of the House were so fixated on their so-called strong plan that they forgot about this. Whatever the case, it was not a feature of the campaign that they took to the last election.

Perhaps those opposite need to take their advice from their party elders in their review of the election. Perhaps they should use this time in opposition as an opportunity to reflect and reform. But instead they want to re prosecute their government agenda from opposition—an agenda that the community has rejected. Do members know what? The LNP had its opportunity to put a positive agenda forward for Queensland's future through the recent election.

Those opposite chose not to. They chose instead to put forward an alleged strong plan. Their plan never included the continuation of a registration freeze. To stand here today and to pretend that it did demonstrates the reason that they were kicked out of office, and that was justified. It was deceitful. It was dishonest. The arrogance and the hubris of the LNP certainly abounds. We have some very slow learners sitting opposite, that is for sure.

The Palaszczuk government will do exactly what the LNP was planning to do. The family registration freeze will come to an end on 30 June 2015. Labor in government will apply the government's indexation policy of 3.5 per cent. Under the previous government the forward estimates also reflected an increase in fees and charges post 30 June 2015.

A short-term freeze could come at the cost of jobs or infrastructure investment. What is the justification for this? 2012 is in the past. Most people want to move on from the mistakes of the LNP's past. We are not going to continue on like it is 2012. We are not going to cop their blast from their past agendas. A freeze now is short-term populist politics. It has no place in our real plan for the future and we will not have a bar of it.