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 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.14 am): As they say, a week is a long time in politics. What a week we have just seen! Instead of a government focusing on delivering jobs and growing the economy, we have seen a government that is completely and utterly divided, a government consumed by internal squabbles, a government frozen at the wheel.

When the Premier was elected just a year ago she declared she had the team to take Queensland forward. She had hand-picked a ministry to deliver for Queenslanders. When we look at what has happened since, it has become more and more obvious that the Premier and her team were elected without an idea, without a plan, and were totally unprepared for government.

There have been serious issues with the member for Cook. We are waiting to hear the outcome from the police investigation into the member for Pumicestone. We have had a police minister who was forced to resign from cabinet in disgrace. We have seen the member for Cairns shamelessly bullied to the point that he had no choice but to resign from the Labor Party. We have had more issues with the member for Keppel and our very own rat-shooting police minister. In fact, the member for Capalaba has today called Rob Pyne one of Labor's greatest rats, so nobody give Bill Byrne a gun.

Nothing illustrated the lack of focus and division evident in this government more than the fallout from the member for Cairns' resignation from the Labor Party just last week. I am absolutely sure that this decision did not come easily for the member for Cairns but, after months of claims of bullying and harassment from the Deputy Premier and her factional colleagues, he had had enough. Sadly, I am sure that nothing could have prepared him for the venom and vitriol directed his way in the last week.

The member for Barron River—that titan from North Queensland—called it an act of treason and labelled the member for Cairns a 'megalomaniac'. The attacks have continued right up to this morning—I table a copy of a Facebook post—with the member for Capalaba calling him 'one of the greatest Labor rats'.

Tabled paper: Extract, undated, of Mr Don Brown MP's Facebook page in relation to the member for Cairns, Mr Rob Pyne MP [\[310\]](#).

Remember that these personal attacks came from a government that promised Queenslanders integrity and a consultative approach and something different. Last Tuesday on International Women's Day the Premier fronted the media at Point Danger to field questions on the member for Cairns' resignation. It was all about the Premier being so resolute: she is focused on jobs—'Don't stand in my way. I am focusing on governing.' All it took was four questions before she crumbled and threatened an early election—crumbled under the pressure. Nothing was going to stand in the way of her jobs agenda!

The Premier was later forced to admit that she had no such job-creating bills in the House to trigger an election. That again serves to illustrate the problem with this government. They are panicked. They do not know what they are doing. They are frozen at the wheel. Meanwhile, the economy suffers and infrastructure investment goes backwards. Queenslanders deserve better than this division, disunity and lack of decisiveness we are seeing from this government.

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