




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Sale of Public Assets

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (10.19 am): I did not think it was possible for anyone to be more out of touch or more arrogant than Campbell Newman.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I call the minister.

Mr DICK: I can tell members that the Leader of the Opposition has the trophy. I took the time to read *Can Do*, the biography of Campbell Newman. Thankfully it was a very short read. One can skim through it. It should have been called *How not to govern Queensland*. It did not take me long to read it. I found this quote—

Campbell's impassioned plea for a political reality check was enough to convince his colleagues to abandon the full suite of asset sales proposed by the commission of audit and backed by Tim Nicholls.

The Leader of the Opposition was holding the line on asset sales. Even his colleagues were getting worried but, no, he wanted to hold the line. That was his position. Of course, so committed was the Leader of the Opposition to his precious Strong Choices he even put it on his Christmas card. Christmas is a happy time. The kids get up and run around looking for their presents. They are so happy and then they get their Christmas card. 'Happy Christmas! We are selling your assets. Best wishes, Mr Strong Choices. PS: Campbell sends his regards.' Then the children started crying.

I know the Leader of the Opposition. He will not listen to me. He certainly will not listen to the member for Southern Downs. At least the member for Southern Downs had the self-respect to dispose of that policy when he was the leader. The Leader of the Opposition will not listen to him. A few weeks ago he ruthlessly dispatched him as the leader with the full support of 14 of his 41 member parliamentary party—a third of them right behind him supporting him. He will not listen to them, but will 'Tin Ear' Tim finally listen to the people of Queensland? Will the Leader of the Opposition listen to the people of Queensland who said no to the Newman government, no to Strong Choices and no to asset sales? He had three minutes yesterday to apologise to the people of Queensland. He has another three minutes coming up. Is he willing to admit that he was wrong? We all know what happens when we do not apologise in here. We all know how important it is to apologise. Will the Leader of the Opposition finally say that he has heard the people of Queensland and that he has listened to the people of Queensland? Will he say today no to asset sales?