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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.39 pm): Not only does Queensland have an incompetent Labor government but it also has a sinister government that is harming the social and cultural fabric of Queensland and destroying the economic prosperity of hardworking families in Queensland. The Treasurer, the Hon. Curtis Pitt, does not like hearing the truth, but I will continue to tell my constituents in Moggill about this failing Treasurer and D-grade government. The member for Mulgrave, the Humpty Dumpty of the Queensland parliament, is certainly no Andrew Fraser, he is no David Hamill and he is no Terry Mackenroth. It is no wonder that this Labor Treasurer wants a return to the past, as birds of a feather flock together. Not being satisfied with raiding the long service leave entitlements of public servants and increasing debt on government owned corporations, the Treasurer has now raided the defined benefits superannuation fund of Queensland's public servants. This was a \$4 billion raid that was not recommended by the Queensland State Actuary. The Treasurer also wants the power to drastically alter the final payout for those public servants accessing the defined benefits scheme.

This government and its Treasurer are all sizzle and no spark, just like a scout's matchbox on a wet weekend. We know that Labor wants a carbon tax. We know that, because of their economic mismanagement, Labor governments all want more taxes and higher fees and charges, which leads to higher debt and deficits. This Labor government have their hands in the pockets of ordinary Queensland taxpayers, with higher fees and charges and higher car registration fees nearly double the rate of inflation. Youth unemployment is skyrocketing, particularly in regional Queensland. Business confidence is plummeting and overall infrastructure spending in Queensland is down by 4.7 per cent.

We also need to be very careful with respect to the agenda of the increasingly radical left-wing elements of the Palaszczuk Labor government. Those socialists opposite who support the now disgraced Safe Schools program have been unmasked as Marxist ideologues who are promulgating a socialist cultural agenda at the expense of the welfare of our developing children and young people. Those socialists opposite want to destroy families and harm the existence of humanity itself in Queensland. I call upon the National Civic Council, the Australian Family Association, Family Voice, like-minded conservatives and other associated organisations to mobilise your members and networks of influence to defeat this government at the next election. This is a sinister government beholden to unions and Marxists which is threatening social cohesion, threatening our economic prosperity, threatening rural and regional Queensland and threatening the wellbeing of families, including those in my electorate of Moggill.

The Palaszczuk Labor government is incapable of bringing forward a fair legislative agenda for the true benefit of all Queenslanders. Only the LNP has the experience, the energy and the enthusiasm to deliver stable government for Queensland.