



Speech By  
**Hon. Curtis Pitt**


**MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE**

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 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Sport) (10.29 am): I will try to bring a little decorum back into the House after the terrible performances we have seen. There is nothing worse than being admonished by one of the all-singing, all-dancing von Trapp children. The member for Kawana has nothing on the member for Clayfield—and I will get to him in a moment. I will bring the tone down a little bit because what we are talking about is serious.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr PITT:** Those opposite may wish to listen. Like many members in this House, I go to schools and speak about leadership. We talk about leadership and what it means to be a leader. Leadership is about setting an example, it is about doing the right thing, it is about believing in something, it is about carrying it through, it is about challenging long-held beliefs and sometimes it is about finding new ways of doing things. We do not see any of that from the Leader of the Opposition. They have no plans other than their one-point plan of asset sales, which the Leader of the Opposition has mentioned three times over the past three years and continues to bring back.

If you are to be a leader, you must follow through on your promises, which is something that the member for Southern Downs has not done. Last year I wrote to him asking him to release all of the information related to the scoping studies on Strong Choices. First it was only a couple of million dollars, then it was \$70 million and then \$100 million. Where are the scoping studies? It is 360 days later and we still have nothing. The member for Clayfield was thrown under the bus again. I quote directly from the Leader of the Opposition, who stated—

The former treasurer indicated that the information, as it was all consolidated, would be made available to the people of Queensland.

He just does not follow through. It was the same thing with the wait-time gimmick. The health minister asked him to release documents, but he did not do it. He never follows through. However, what he is happy to do is to be in here and watch the member for Warrego be admonished as a result of the Ethics Committee findings and let his chief of staff get away scot-free. That is what has happened. He has shown an absolute failure of leadership. Three times he failed with the people of Queensland when seeking leadership. Three times he has been rejected as leader of this state and twice he has not been able to follow through on promises he made to provide information to this House. It is very concerning that this man is still the Leader of the Opposition.

Let us get to the nub of the question, which really comes back to the fact that right now the Leader of the Opposition will have three minutes in which to speak to the House. All members of this House will be waiting with bated breath to hear, in the next three minutes, how he is going to explain how he allowed the member for Warrego to be thrown under a bus while he lets his chief of staff continue to get away with it. Where are the emails? When will they be released? Mr Springborg has three minutes to stand up and explain why he is letting his chief of staff to get away with it and he has allowed the member for Warrego to be admonished.