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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.52 pm): It is no wonder that in Queensland business confidence is so low when, as we have heard, this Labor government is so inept that it cannot keep even one policy from breakfast to lunchtime. That is absolutely incredible. Business confidence is so low because this Labor government has absolutely no plan. They did have a plan at breakfast time, but already it has been taken over. Yesterday we saw the Labor government introduce a policy to bring back some form of state carbon tax, which is also absolutely incredible. It is a job-destroying carbon tax that will skyrocket the cost of living and tax businesses throughout Queensland. What a sneaky plan!

As the member for Burleigh has pointed out, we have heard two contradictory statements. This morning on radio, the Minister for Environment announced that he was not going to rule out this sneaky plan to tax Queenslanders. Just after that, the Minister for Energy tried to cover it up. Who could trust this Labor government? We have seen a previous prime minister of this country stand just over there on the cliffs—I think she was about to jump off the cliff—and say, 'There will be no carbon tax in a government that I lead.' Who in the community would believe this Labor government when only yesterday they bring out a policy that has already been ditched? They stand in this House and say, 'Five eminent people have worked on this plan. We trust those people. They are wonderful good people. But we are going to throw their information out.' It was interesting to hear the minister build them up and then say, 'Thank you very much for your hard work, but, by the way, we're going to throw out that plan'. That is incredible.

We need Queensland industries to be confident. We need investment in Queensland. We need industries to grow. We do not need any more taxes. This is an absolute kick to business confidence in Queensland. Industries and businesses that are looking to invest in Queensland have seen this as a major knock.

An opposition member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: They do know it is coming; I take that interjection. It is a job-destroying plan. Those industries have no trust in the plans and policies of this government. They are so inept that they have no policies. Even when they announce the one plan that they do have, within a couple of hours they take it out. That is incredible. This decision by those opposite has sent shock waves through the business community.