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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (6.20 pm): I, too, would like to join with the shadow minister and the Minister for Mines in passing on my condolences and those of the opposition in relation to the dreadful tragedy that has occurred today in Central Queensland.

I will move on now to the motion moved in this House by my good friend the member for Hinchinbrook. First of all, I need to touch on just a couple of comments that were made by the Minister Assisting the Premier on North Queensland. She made some statements that I do not believe can go unaddressed. Whilst I appreciate she was reading the notes she had before her, I do not think she realised what she was saying. It shows that she has a complete lack of understanding on this issue. She stood in the House and said something like she supports it and the Palaszczuk government are doing everything they can towards supporting this very important Adani mine in the Galilee Basin. This is a minister who sits around the cabinet table. She is obviously on the same side of the cabinet table as Minister Lynham and maybe the Minister for Police over there; he seems to be quite supportive of it as well. Of course, there is that deep division amongst that cabinet because there are those who strongly support the Greens to secure those votes that they need—and, of course, that is the member for South Brisbane and the member for Mount Coot-tha. This minister made those statements and she does not even realise that it was her government—

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. I am sorry, Deputy Leader of the Opposition. There is too much discussion across the chamber. We will wait, members.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: She sits around that cabinet table but it was actually her government that dumped our good plan in relation to the Galilee Basin development strategy, a strategy that would have facilitated the future development of the Galilee Basin and grown the Queensland economy. However, that is something that those opposite do not seem to care about. They do not care about the jobs in Queensland—full stop—let alone the jobs in North Queensland. They certainly do not understand how much this project would do for the economy and the mums and dads all over Queensland.

I do need to touch on something that the member for Morayfield got completely wrong. I do note that he was there diligently reading his notes. He probably did not do his fact checks. It is in relation to the dumping of the dredge spoil. It was actually the Bligh Labor government that—

Opposition members: And Kate Jones.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON:—sorry, and Kate Jones. That is a good point. Thank you. I will take that interjection. She was the environment minister who allowed a proposal to dump 35 million cubic metres offshore. It was Kate Jones, the member for Ashgrove, when she was the minister for environment who put that proposal forward. Who was in government at that stage? It was the Bligh Labor government. Guess who looked at that proposal and said, 'We do not support that'? It was the now shadow minister

when he was the minister for mines and those on this side of the House. When we were in government we reduced that down to how much? It was only three million cubic metres. The difference in that was 32 million cubic metres.

Those opposite choose not to listen when the facts are on the table because they know full well who the environmental crusaders of Queensland are. That is the LNP. It is us who understand that good people—mums and dads—need jobs. That is why we support—strongly support—good development all over Queensland. That takes me to why we are pleading with those opposite to do something about groups such as the Environmental Defenders Office to whom those opposite give all the money. They are the ones who in this year's budget have funded the reason why we cannot get this lifesaving project up for people—mums and dads—who need this all across Queensland. I support the motion before the House.