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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.20 am): It is so good to hear the minister acknowledging the young people of the LNP. On a more serious note, at a time when the state is crying out for jobs and investment, the number of Queensland jobs has fallen every month for the past six months under this asleep-at-the-wheel Labor government. Since January, we have seen more than 24,000 full-time jobs lost. That is potentially 24,000 Queensland families in turmoil, all because this Labor government has put up the 'closed for business' sign.

There are many examples of this government delaying major projects or simply being unable to deliver. Of course, we have the proposed call-in of West Village. We have the failure to get the Adani mine off the ground. We have the withdrawal of Aquis from the integrated resort development process. We have the Logan Renewal Initiative. When will the inertia of this do-nothing Labor government end?

The proposed \$7 billion ASF integrated resort development on Wave Break Island on the Gold Coast was originally scrapped by Labor. Over 12 months ago, the minister announced that a significantly scaled back ASF project was back on track. However, we have seen absolutely nothing on track, because the minister has done absolutely nothing in the past 12 months. He has not said a word about the project and no progress has been made in relation to it. The minister has not been spending his time kickstarting the secondary approvals for the Adani mine. All we have seen him do is scrap the Galilee Basin strategy. That strategy would have facilitated the future development of the Galilee Basin and seen Queensland's economy grow.

In Queensland we have a bizarre situation where the government is simply intent on stopping all job-creating projects. The projects that they do actively champion are simply doomed for failure. Ever since the Treasurer claimed the Aquis project as one of his new year's resolutions, the proposal has been plagued by uncertainty. Now we have seen the Aquis casino project fall over on his watch. That is another missed opportunity for Queensland and another multibillion dollar loss in investment, meaning the loss of thousands of potential jobs. Labor will not even guarantee a casino licence for Northern Queensland.

This asleep-at-the-wheel Labor government has hung up its 'closed for business' sign. This government is doing nothing.