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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.34 am): Over recent days we have seen yet another instance of this Labor government standing in the way of vital infrastructure projects that would get Queensland moving. Whether that be—

A government member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will tell the member. Whether that be the bikie laws, tree-clearing legislation or other key policy areas, the senior ranks of this deeply divided Labor government cannot seem to do anything but fight among themselves. We now have the Premier and the Deputy Premier crossing swords over the Brisbane metro proposal.

We heard the Deputy Premier on ABC Radio say that she was working to assist the Lord Mayor, Graham Quirk, and the Brisbane City Council on the metro project. She said that the metro and Cross River Rail could be complementary. We have also learned that the transport minister and the Lord Mayor had been working together constructively to match up the two plans, but the Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk, sees the situation completely differently. The Premier announces that both the Lord Mayor and the Brisbane City Council should completely ditch the project, but then she declared that she was not a dictator.

Instead of fighting for Queenslanders, this Labor government is obsessed with fighting amongst itself. There is infighting over the bikie laws, juvenile detention and tree clearing. It is now fighting with itself over the Brisbane metro project. The Labor government is also clearly fighting with itself over who should be the Premier of this state. In front of a packed audience at the Queensland Media Club, the Deputy Premier dismissed these references as low-level gossip. She said that she had to be 100 per cent honest and that there was no prospect of a spill. Obviously, she has done the numbers and does not have them. The Deputy Premier had more to say. She said—

I don't want the job ... I love the job that I'm doing and I'm completely focused on delivering on our big reform agenda.

We might ask: what reform agenda in Queensland? We have had the proposed call-in of West Village and the failure to get the Adani mine off the ground.