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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (6.00 pm): As the opposition leader is currently in a meeting of the Anzac Day Commemoration Committee, along with the Premier, with his authority I move—

That this House expresses its dismay at the litany of failures of the Palaszczuk Labor government and the harmful effect of those failures on the Queensland economy and Queenslanders.

This government's inaction is simply harming Queensland. This is a government big on ideological chitchat and posturing, but the resulting paralysis—the failure to make hard decisions—means that Queenslanders are losing their jobs of today and are losing out on the jobs of tomorrow. This is a government that lurches from an error to a blunder and then to failure. It is a government with the anti slogan that Queensland is closed for business, sending opportunities flooding south into New South Wales and even into the Labor state of Victoria.

This appalling Labor government has a Treasurer in whom the business community clearly has no confidence. We have seen the CCIQ business survey denouncing the Queensland economy as weak and the Sensis Business Index making a highlight of the lowlight that just one in 10 businesses believes the Palaszczuk Labor government's policies are supporting them. Just one business in 10 believes that this incompetent Labor government's policies are supporting them.

Meanwhile, we have a transport minister who not only cannot get trains to run on time but also refuses to accept the responsibility for it when every principle of Westminster convention says that he should be resigning. This is a transport minister who is happy to let others fall on their swords, yet he does not have the courage to redeem one skerrick of honour by doing so himself. He has stooped, stumbled and crashed to this new low.

We also have a child safety minister who has presided over a dangerous decline in the level of protection afforded to our most vulnerable. We have a housing minister who does not even want to provide housing—a housing minister who has abandoned the community of Logan, all on the altar of a flawed and outdated ideology. We have an industrial relations minister who seeks to employ a CFMEU official as an in-kind favour for her union mates and who allows unions to run riot across Queensland, costing jobs and wrecking the economy. This is just another hammer blow to the building industry now desperate under this government for even a hint of encouragement.

Today we have learned that, while those in the country are hurting, we have an agriculture minister—she stands over a \$420 million department—who is going to have to face the farmers of Queensland and explain to them why they should pay their rates but she does not have to. It is not only the last six or 12 months of rates while farmers have been hurting as a result of the drought; this minister thinks it is okay to not pay three years worth of rates. It is unacceptable to the people of Queensland.

We also have a police minister who callously dismisses pregnant women sleeping on the floor of prisons. We have an environment minister held to ransom by the Greens and the Left to the extent that thousands of jobs and the economic vitality of our regional communities are threatened by perpetual delays to these vital job-growing regions of Central and Northern Queensland and the Darling Downs. We have a planning minister who cannot approve a development in her own electorate.

The sum of this multifactoral dysfunction among the senior ranks of this lazy, incompetent government is a Premier so hamstrung that she can neither act nor discharge the duties of her office. As a result, the trains are not running, the housing for needy Queenslanders is not being built, the construction industry is withering on the vine and our most vulnerable children are not being protected. We have seen some 35,000 full-time jobs being lost since the start of this year and 51,000 Queenslanders have simply given up looking for a job. This asleep-at-the-wheel Labor government is incapable of governing Queensland.

(Time expired)