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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Sale of Public Assets

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (10.22 am): Haven't we seen the hypocrisy this week! If I worked for the Oxford Dictionary and Wikipedia, I would have been up all night changing the definitions of 'assets' because we have seen in the last 48 hours about 10 different definitions of 'assets'. If it is not income producing, it is not an asset. If it saves lives, it is not an asset. If it was an LNP asset, it is not an asset under the Labor Party. I was so confused about all of this I thought I would go to the Labor Party bible—their policy document, but not the 2015 election policy document. I thought I would go to the updated, tracked and changed version to be debated at their convention this weekend. I thought I would see if it gives a definition of what an asset is, and it does—but, again, nothing like what the Premier said an asset is this week.

It says in this document, 'We believe the public, through their government, should own and control vital assets and services.' Now it is 'vital'—they are debating vital assets. Then a couple of pages on in this document it says, '... rejects privatisation of essential services.' This is about the sixth definition of what an asset is. We are all confused. We know Anna Bligh said, 'Assets not for sale.' We know this Premier said, 'Assets not for sale', but now they are for sale depending on which definition they use, whether it is the dictionary or the Labor policy document. Let us look at the other policies in this document. Let us look at the other issues.

The Premier stood here a few months ago and said, 'My government will not introduce a carbon tax.' That is what she said. Yet the policy document, tracked and changed—inserted for this weekend's conference—says, '... environmentally sustainable development into economic decision making, including pricing carbon and climate.' It has just been put in their document.

What do they say about the Public Service? They have cut out 'growing the Public Service in areas of health and education'. They cut out doctors and nurses and educators. In the document here it says, 'Labor will partner with the private and community sectors to develop innovative housing solutions aimed at increasing housing across the state'—not in Logan. Perhaps the Minister for Housing should read his own policy document.

Let us look at what the member for Bundamba said back in 2014 about their convention—this is about Labor members having a say. She said, 'I've got to tell you I was sick in the guts when we had a leader of our parliamentary caucus who was there when they brought in privatisation.' Then the member for Bundamba said in 2014, 'I bet that will never happen again if the unions have a say in it.' Member for Bundamba, it is happening under this Premier, just as it did under Anna Bligh. This is Anna 2.0—make no doubt about that.