




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (10.23 am): In rising, I congratulate the Leader of the Opposition on his appointment. Since 2006—the year I first entered this place and the year the member for Clayfield entered this place—there have been eight leaders of the Liberal and National parties.

Ms Trad: Eight?

Mr HINCHLIFFE: Eight—in 10 years eight leaders, three parties, one divided mob. It has been a bit hard to follow, but I thought for the new members in this House I would run through the last 10 years of chaos that is the LNP leadership. Some 10 years ago the member for Southern Downs had been the leader of the Nationals for three years. He lost an election and then was replaced by the member for Callide. Meanwhile, poor old Flegg had been a disaster for the Liberals but they could not bring themselves to support the member for Clayfield then, so they went for the member for Caloundra instead, which has got to hurt! A short time later, back in the Nationals, the member for Callide's deputy sold him out and the member for Southern Downs got the job again. Then they all decided to be friends and become a single party, but the member for Southern Downs completely botched the 2009 election so they got the boy from the coast—the member for Surfers Paradise—to have a go. That was great and was welcomed by so many people. Are members still following? I know it is a bit complicated and I know that all of these names are the same, but stay with me.

The member for Clayfield and the member for Callide had a bunch of beers on the member of Clayfield's back deck and did over the then leader in favour of Campbell Newman, so then the member for Callide got the job again in name only but the leader was really Campbell Newman. Then Campbell Newman got the job, but that was really in name only because the real leader was really the member for Callide. Campbell Newman crashed and burned and then they got the member for Southern Downs back. Go figure! The member for Callide had the big sooks on last year so now we get the other bloke from the back deck party back—the member for Clayfield! The back deck party is all back again. It will be beers all round and here we go again: ten years, three parties, eight leaders, still no idea, focused on themselves, not focused on Queensland, not focused on delivering essential public infrastructure like Cross River Rail, not focused on delivering for Queensland and for Queenslanders. Those opposite are focused on themselves and we see the hurly-burly and the deck chairs moving on the *Titanic*. Those opposite have no vision for the future of Queensland. We on this side have a strong vision for the future of Queensland. As I say, 10 years—

(Time expired)