



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR CLAYFIELD**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.26 am): There is one thing I know, and that is those over there will not be looking at the member for Sandgate for any leadership positions anytime soon—the member for Sandgate who did not even have the intestinal fortitude to have a crack at Stafford. He did not even have a crack at Stafford.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** He did not even have the intestinal fortitude to have a crack at Stafford. Another thing I know is that the member for Woodridge will not get another crack at it either—the member for Woodridge jumped from Greenslopes to Woodridge. I know that the person sitting right next to him will not allow that to happen either. The AWU faction over there are on the 'left right out' faction right now. They will not be getting anywhere near the leadership position.

Whilst I want to thank the member for Sandgate for his warm welcome to the position of Leader of the Opposition—and I know he has been waiting for this day for a long time; he has been practising that speech for a long time—let me tell you there is nothing the member for Sandgate, the member for Mulgrave, the member for Inala, the member for South Brisbane or any of those members over there will be saying that will be an original thought. They will not have an original thought in relation to what they are going to say. We know the campaign of negativity they will be running because we know that they are not focused on getting Queensland moving.

We know that they are a tired team that does not have the energy and enthusiasm to get Queensland moving—unlike the LNP. They do not have the plans to get Queensland moving. We know that the only plans they have are the plans to trash the principles of Fitzgerald that the Premier signed up to before the last election. We know their plans are only to kowtow to their union mates and to ignore the damage that is being done to the Queensland economy because they do not have the strength to stand up to the people who put them in this place and who pull their strings. We know that the Deputy Premier has had more than 340 meetings with union members, who stroll through her door day in and day out. We have seen that in the media today.

We know that they do not care about getting jobs for ordinary Queenslanders, whether it is in the Treasurer's region of North Queensland with better than 20 per cent unemployment or Western Queensland. This government is a government of the unions by union lackeys for union mates, and Queenslanders want and deserve better. Queensland needs the LNP to get Queensland moving