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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.27 am): The minister should reflect on his mate Anthony Albanese's deal in relation to the Bruce Highway, where he offered only 50 per cent. What did we do? We got on and actually built the thing so that now people can drive on it. Instead of finding excuses, he should get on and do the job. However, that is what this do-nothing government is all about: excuses for not doing things, rather than finding ways to go about things.

We heard the member for Woodridge talk about conferences. I remember an ALP conference, and this is going back a couple of years, at which they were debating how the leadership rules would work and the unions. I remember the member for Bundamba standing up and saying, 'Come on, Cam, we know what you're all about! We know what Cam is all about!' The member for Woodridge was sitting next to the member for South Brisbane, not too close to the member for Inala, and he had his eye on the main game. He was ready to rock and roll. I say to the member for Woodridge that we remember our history and it would pay him to remember his history.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! All right, members. One moment. We will just take a breather for a moment.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! No. We will just wait a moment.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: It is his time, but we will wait.

Mr NICHOLLS: Let me simply echo the words of the member for Bundamba: Cam, we know what you are on about, mate!

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I think we have had enough.

Mr NICHOLLS: I take this opportunity to join with the Premier in saying that we will be welcoming and congratulating our Olympians as they return to Brisbane. I look forward to being at the welcome home ceremony and parade tomorrow that is being hosted by the state government and the city council, which is entirely appropriate.

There are more appropriate matters to mention this morning. We have seen in the last week a government under pressure. We have a Treasurer happy to hand out details of government employees to his union mates, but, even more so, happy to see employees who disagree with being given—

Mr PITT: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take offence to those comments and ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, the member has taken offence to those comments. I ask that you withdraw.

Mr NICHOLLS: I withdraw. We have a Treasurer who is prepared to mess with retail trading hours at a whim as part of changes to industrial relations legislation that he has not consulted on. Only a year ago he told the *Courier-Mail* that he has no plans to review or change the way trading hours are determined in Queensland. We have a Treasurer who would not introduce a new tax but introduced a three per cent surcharge.

We have a housing minister who, without consultation with anyone, scrapped the Logan Renewal Initiative. I table a letter from the Logan: City of Choice leadership team chair, Jude Munro, a highly respected bureaucrat who has served mayors of all political persuasions. Her description of this is an atrocious and, as Aunty Betty said, arrogant and dismissive decision by this government—a government that is scrapping jobs and benefits for Queenslanders.

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 16 August 2016, from the Chair, Logan: City of Choice Leadership Team, Ms Jude Munro AO, to the Minister for Housing and Public Works, Hon. Mick de Brenni [\[1431\]](#).

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