



Speech By  
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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.58 pm): On listening to those opposite this afternoon I am reminded of the old saying, 'They have learned nothing and forgotten nothing,' because we are hearing it all again. This is like the next version of the 2009-2012 Anna Bligh-Andrew Fraser government: it is exactly the same. With every passing moment and with every passing day, Queenslanders know that this government has learned nothing and forgotten nothing. They are going down exactly the same path. This government is the story of the two Annas, Anna Bligh and Annastacia Palaszczuk, and Queenslanders should not be surprised because Annastacia Palaszczuk, the Premier and the member for Inala, served in the same government as Anna Bligh—the same failed government that Queenslanders rejected. Why did they reject them? Because they broke their promise on fuel taxes.

**Mr HINCHLIFFE:** I rise to a point of order. There have been a number of rulings made in this House about referring to members by their correct titles. I would ask that you remind the Leader of the Opposition of this obligation.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Thank you. I would urge all members to refer to other members by their correct title.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** Thank you very much, member for Sandgate—formerly the member for Stafford. He is one of the hoppers around the place. He was not going to go back and recontest that seat. If I remember correctly, the current member for Sandgate was the member for Stafford in the failed Anna Bligh government. He is exactly the same: he has forgotten nothing and learned nothing.

What did they do? They promised that there would be no fuel tax and they cut the fuel subsidy. They said that they were not going to increase tolls on all the motorways by 30 per cent before they sold them. They went to the 2009 election and said, with the full knowledge and backing of the members for Inala, Sandgate, Woodridge, Ashgrove and Brisbane Central, 'We will not sell assets.' What did they do? They sold assets. They did exactly what they said they would not do. What is happening this time around? The members for Sandgate, Inala and Mulgrave—I forgot him—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** I think we will have some decorum, members.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** No-one really blames you for that, do they? The members for Woodridge, Ashgrove and Brisbane Central are all going down the same path. What did they do before the election in 2015? Hands on hearts, at every opportunity they said, 'We will not sell assets.' They did not say, 'We will not sell income-generating assets.' They did not say, 'We will not sell assets that have weeds on them.' They did not say, 'We will not sell assets that have buildings on them.' They said, 'We will not sell assets.' What did they do? They got back into power, realised that they did not have any money, realised that their plan was not going to work—realised that there was 'no more fun, no more mon'—and what did they do? They sold assets.