




Speech By
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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (2.53 pm): It is a pleasure to follow the contribution from the 'member from we are not really sure where', because he is certainly not ready to stand on his record in Mount Coot-tha. I am proud of the record of the LNP government because we delivered roads: we delivered the Gateway Upgrade North; we delivered the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing; we delivered \$10 billion worth of works on the Bruce Highway, including Cooroy to Curra; and we delivered record funding on the Warrego Highway. Under the LNP government trains turned up at railway stations.

Dr Miles: Trains did not turn up from India.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. We will wait.

Mr POWELL: I take that interjection from the member for Mount Coot-tha. Those words will come back to bite him. We have seen it all from this government of cons, costs and crises. Last night South-East Queenslanders suffered yet another rail fail under this bumbling Labor government. We are fast approaching the first anniversary of Labor's rail fail. It all started nearly 12 months ago when a conga line of Labor MPs jumped all over themselves to claim credit for the LNP funded Redcliffe peninsula line at its opening. They were all there: the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the member for Sandgate. We all know that Labor are great at selfies but they are rubbish at running trains. No-one stopped to think, 'Gee, we've just opened a new line. Maybe we should make sure we have the train drivers to run the trains on that new line.'

That was nearly 11 months ago, and those 11 months have seen them lurch from crisis to crisis which culminated last month with communication at stations, on websites and on trains themselves remaining woefully inadequate. Commuters are being treated with contempt. Commuters were stuck for an agonising three hours on a train on the Ferny Grove line. A door was left open as a train hurtled along at 100 kilometres an hour on the Gold Coast line. Commuters were evacuated from another service which was stuck halfway from the Sunshine Coast. The Fair Work Commission has had to do what this government cannot: stand up to the unions and finally—finally—open recruitment to external drivers. At the end of the day it is the commuters of Queensland who lose out under this union controlled sham of a government. This government of cons, costs and crises needs to go.