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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (2.48 pm): As all honourable members know, Queensland is the home of the big events. We have had the Horn-Pacquiao superfight, we have had the filming of *Thor: Ragnarok* and *Aquaman* and, of course, we will have the 21st Commonwealth Games next year. Tonight we welcome to Queensland the greatest comedian in the world—Jerry Seinfeld, who hits the big stage in Queensland. That got me thinking: what would Jerry Seinfeld make of the Queensland LNP? Would he form the view, like every Queenslander I talk to, that it is really a show about nothing? We have seen the attempted makeover of the member for Clayfield—the stubbies and thongs, the sipping of the shandies in the front bar, the devil-may-care theme park wild rides. However, no makeover will erase the memories of what he did when he was the treasurer when he revelled in the cut, sack and sell mantra. The only thing that was missing from him was the urban sombrero. What did he do? What did he say in that very first budget? What did he say to Queenslanders? ‘No jobs for you, no jobs for you, cuts to health, cuts to education, cuts to families.’ Nothing was off limits.

Unlike *Seinfeld*, there are no Jerrys, there are no Elaines and there are no Kramers to save him—except the member for Whitsunday, who looks a bit like Kramer! When they see him on the street, when they see him on the TV, when they see him in the paper, there is only thing that comes to mind and there is only one thing they want to say: ‘Hello, Newman!’ What did he say about the Newman government policies? He did not apologise. He did not say he was wrong. He just said, ‘We got the messaging wrong. We could’ve communicated better.’ What Bizarro World does the Leader of the Opposition live in? He needs to be up-front and honest: will he rule out a preference deal with One Nation? He says that he does not want to enter a coalition, but he says, ‘Well, we might enter into a deal with One Nation, of course on a seat-by-seat basis.’ The bottom line for Queensland is this: is the Leader of the Opposition the master of his own domain or is he in the thrall of Pauline Hanson? Let me leave the final quote to George—not George Costanza, who of course said, ‘It’s not a lie if you believe it.’ Let me leave it to George—George Brandis, who said that the Leader of the Opposition and this opposition led by him are very, very mediocre. Welcome to Queensland, Jerry Seinfeld, and welcome to the Queensland LNP, because you could not script this.