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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.22 am): If people ever want to see the cost of this government's inaction it is the price Queensland jobseekers will pay by having to remain on the dole queue for even longer all because of this government's inaction, all because this government—

Ms Jones interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Minister for Education, you will have an opportunity to speak if you speak with the Leader of the House. I counsel you.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON:—all because this do-nothing government could not get its act together and make a decision to support Adani's Carmichael mine. After two years of negotiating with Adani, the Premier and the Treasurer were cut off at the pass by a leaked CBRC document last week. I am sure the Premier only needs to look to her right to discover the culprit behind that leaked document.

The LNP knows Queenslanders need jobs. It is the left-wingers from South Brisbane, Mount Coot-tha and Yeerongpilly who need to get out into regional Queensland—not just fly in and out—and talk to locals who will give them some home truths about regional Queensland. They need to listen to the mums and dads; they need to listen to the contractors and the small business owners. We need to be encouraging people to live in rural and regional Queensland. We want to encourage people to stay in the regions and, most importantly, we want to give them some hope.

Regional Queenslanders know what it is like to be searching for a job; what it is like to worry week in, week out about paying their bills; what it is like to look at their savings and wonder how long they can pay their rent before they have to sleep in their car. They will tell the government what it is like to have to decide what bills to pay.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. If the cross-chatter continues I will consider inviting the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to start again.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Excellent!

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: That is not an invitation to do it. It will not happen. I now call the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and we will listen to her.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Most importantly, what regional Queenslanders want is some hope. This government cannot and simply will not make a decision. This is a do-nothing government. This government has completely lost its way. It has lost sight of the people who are desperately relying on this government to give Adani the go-ahead. It has lost sight of the fact that it needs to govern for all of Queensland, not for itself and not for Labor. It should not be governing to keep green preferences in the city seats. This government is thinking of just itself by denying the go-ahead for the jobs that come with Adani. Queenslanders are the real losers of this government's inaction.