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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (10.26 am): In the last week or so we have seen even more reports that reveal the true nature of One Nation and how they operate in this state and across the country. Secret tapes reveal their senior adviser talking about ripping off and making money off their own candidates. How can you trust people who have such unethical behaviour that they treat a political party like a business rather than a body that represents people? There are other issues around One Nation, such as their use of a plane and whether that has been declared under electoral law. In that context, let us look at the Palaszczuk government's position. On behalf of Queenslanders, the Premier has strongly and consistently said that this government will not do any deals with One Nation. That has always been our policy and it always will be our policy. That is leadership.

However, what do we hear from the Leader of the Opposition? He refuses to rule out deals with One Nation. Why does he refuse to rule out deals with fringe extreme groups such as One Nation? It is probably because One Nation is populated by former LNP state members and staffers, such as James Ashby, Neil Symes and Michael Pucci. They are running Sam Cox. The member for Buderim now leads them. One Nation is too close to the LNP. On this issue the Leader of the Opposition displays only weak leadership and Queenslanders never vote for a weak leader—that is for sure. The slippery behaviour of the member for Clayfield shows that he is not fit to lead this state.

The Leader of the Opposition will face another challenge this Saturday with the preselection in Broadwater. Will his favoured candidate, the perennial backbencher and member for Broadwater, get up or will the leader be rolled by the party machine for a blow-in from North Queensland? That is the choice they have this Saturday. That is the choice—a blow-in from North Queensland or a perennial backbencher that the Leader of the Opposition is backing. We will see who wins—the party machine or the Leader of the Opposition.

This is in a context where the member for Southport clung on by three votes in his preselection. Apparently he was calling preselectors from China and it went down like a lead balloon with the local LNP branch members. He was lobbying for preselection from China. They are in disarray in the opposition. They should not deal with One Nation. They should show some spine and they should show some leadership.

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