



Speech By  
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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.41 am): It is certainly interesting to hear from the rooster over there who became a feather dust when he was rolled by his cabinet mates in relation to his lockout laws. There is the man of principle. There is the man who got elected to cut it all down. There is the man who was rolled by all of his cabinet colleagues. What did the health minister say to him? 'That is just the way it goes, old mate.'

We have heard from the member for Rockhampton, the newly remounted Kenny Rogers—and about the same age—talking about deals. What else has been happening here as they lose yet another minister—old Stirling who proved to be less than sterling when it came to actually fixing the problems; he was going to fix up the rail mess, but was replaced by someone the Premier said is 'made of steel and no-one better get in her way'? She better have a look in the mirror because we know who is coming for the Premier's job. You had better not get in her way.

Then we had the absolute debacle of the once proud, once mighty AWU reduced to factional infighting.

**Mr Power** interjected.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** I hear the dulcet tones of the member for Logan from the back corner. He is still in the back corner.

**An opposition member:** Way back.

**Mr NICHOLLS:** He is way back there in the back corner because the factional convener of the AWU, the member for Logan, could not do the numbers to get himself onto the front bench. He enlisted the aid of the member for Woodridge. Remember that one? The member for Bundamba knows the member for Woodridge. Come on, Cameron, we know what it is all about. It is all about you.

He could not get the member for Redcliffe on side to get the numbers over there so we have 'Furner the burner' from Ferny Grove turning up. He got all the backbench on side so he could roll into the job that he could not get in the federal parliament. Are you following this, fellas? Have you got it, comrades? It is not working for you. Of course, who can forget the member for Gladstone, who had to make a phone call to Peter Simpson to make sure it was okay for him to swap sides so he could get himself in there. That is the story of the ALP over Christmas.