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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.47 pm): This is a government that stumbles from failure to failure and crisis to crisis. Nothing could exemplify that more than the protests of those opposite today as they tried to spruik their do-nothing efforts over the last two years. Yesterday marked two years since the election of this do-nothing government, a government that did not have a plan, a government that did not want to tackle the hard questions that Queensland faces, a government that has achieved next to nothing for the people of Queensland in the two years since it has been elected.

We have a rail crisis. We have a jobs crisis. We also have a child safety department in crisis. We have young thugs running wild not only on the streets of Townsville but also in the streets throughout regional Queensland. Today the Premier has suddenly discovered we have an ice crisis; she has just worked out that we have an ice crisis.

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: You will all have a chance soon.

Mr NICHOLLS: This is despite the national ice summit being held in 2015 and also a 250-page report with more than 35 recommendations on how to tackle ice. Despite having signed up to the National Ice Action Strategy, it is only today that guess what the Premier has discovered? She is going to have another talkfest about ice! A CCC report for 2015-16 said that ice was endemic. Can members guess where that ice was coming from? It was coming from outlaw motorcycle gangs! What did they do? They changed the laws in relation to them!

The rail network is in crisis. Commuters have no confidence that trains will even show up and, when they do show up, they go down the wrong line. They cannot even get them on the right track. This year, 24,000 services have been slashed. There are 470 services a week fewer than there should have been and the commuters are paying the price. We know that they know that, because the member for Nudgee put a petition on her social media page saying, '#rail fail, sign this petition to get better rail services in Queensland'. She threw the member for Sandgate under the bus because there was no train coming. Jobs are going missing in regional Queensland, young people are not getting what they deserve, we have a government that has done nothing and has no plan for the future, and Queenslanders are paying the price for its failures.