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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Carmichael Mine

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.28 am): At a time of unacceptably high unemployment across regional Queensland this bungling, do-nothing Labor government has come up with its most costly bungle of all. The toxic brew of self-interest and division concocted by the Deputy Premier and her kitchen cabinet of the loony left designed to kill off the \$16.5 billion Adani Carmichael mine puts green inner city preferences and phoney ideology before thousands of Queensland jobs and billions of dollars in investment. Yesterday was a test of this Premier's leadership and she failed. Adani cancelled its crucial final investment decision because this Labor government's conceited, scurrilously compromised left faction revolted and walked all over the Premier. A compromise government which is beholden to the green guerrillas of inner Brisbane and an undermined and wounded Premier spell continued joblessness for all those regional Queenslanders many hundreds of kilometres away who are counting on the Adani mine. Almost 15,000 young Queenslanders have lost their jobs since the election of this inexperienced do-nothing Palaszczuk government, yet the member for South Brisbane is more concerned with protecting her own \$320,000 a year job than giving regional Queenslanders a fair go.

This is a deal that the Premier and Treasurer have already had more than two years to get right. Now it has been indefinitely delayed and the Premier unceremoniously outed as a puppet of the left. Her regional caucus members have all been silenced and the once vocal union movement is powerless against the omnipresence of Labor's green shadow cabinet. The block of greens—the member for South Brisbane, the member for Mount Coot-tha and the member for Yeerongpilly—have blockaded jobs for Queenslanders. They have stopped a first mover in the Galilee Basin, which is a region that could support more than \$50 billion in investment, more than 16,000 construction jobs and more than 15,000 ongoing jobs. The block of greens say to regional Queensland that the jobs of a few Labor MPs in Brisbane seats are far more important than thousands of jobs in Queensland. The price of this do-nothing inexperienced Labor government is thousands of lost job opportunities, billions of dollars of lost investment—

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