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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Carmichael Mine**

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.30 am): What a week of division, dumb-headedness and disaster from a do-nothing government. The Adani mining company—with more than 6,000 Queensland jobs in the pipeline—has been rebuffed for the sake of protecting the member for South Brisbane, the member for Yeerongpilly and the member for Mount Coot-tha from the Green scourge that they fear is coming for them. That might be a victory for the Deputy Premier's small-mindedness and self-interest, but it is another hammer blow for regional Queensland and the 15,000 young Queenslanders who have already lost their jobs through the ineptitude and inner Brisbane pandering of this inexperienced Labor government.

What have we seen this week? We have seen a Premier who will not stand up to the Deputy Premier, a Premier who will not stand up for Queensland jobs and a Premier who will not stand for anything. We hear only now, deep into the Adani crisis and after relentless community opposition and media pressure, of some sort of late-night plan, cobbled together by the Premier and her warring ministers, to save the Carmichael mine from the edge of death that they have walked it to. They have been scurrying in and out of the room, all grim and gloomy, and have been calling all the bureaucrats in late at night to cobble together some sort of plan.

How can the business community, especially those next wave resource companies with potentially billions of dollars of investment for Queensland, have any faith in a shambolic approach by a government that cannot even govern itself? After what they have seen this week, how can Queenslanders have any faith that this resurgent deal can even be honoured?

We have seen the Premier run a mile from a Left cabinet faction leak about an earlier deal on the \$16.5 billion Carmichael mine—a Left cabinet leak. Then the Right leaks ruthlessly about a secret letter from the Under Treasurer to Adani confirming the deal which the Premier and Adani shook hands on. Then last night what did we see? We saw a leak back again from the Left about the time that the Deputy Premier knew about the whole deal. In Queensland we do not need WikiLeaks, we have the ALP government doing the job for us.

The Premier has already dishonoured one handshake deal. The Premier could have stepped up and led and put a stop to this recklessness, but she did not, she has not and she will not. Queenslanders cannot trust her and uncertainty is all around because this weak, compromised, deal no-deal Premier has failed to put Queenslanders first.