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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.30 am): On behalf of the opposition, I also join the Premier in conveying our most sincere condolences to the families of the US marines who died in the weekend's tragic incident off the coast of Rockhampton. The pain and grief currently being experienced by the families of the three marines, the last having only just been identified, who have lost their lives cannot be measured. The heartfelt thoughts of all Queenslanders I am sure are with them at this tragic time.

Last week this fly-in fly-out Premier took her cabinet down to the Gold Coast in the hope of generating some good news. That is about the only thing they try to generate in this place. They are about as successful at generating new power and keeping power prices down. I know the Premier called it a success, but what did we really see? We saw report after report after report about the many failures of this Labor government on the coast.

Let us have a look at the week that was last week. The week started with a number of home truths from that good old truth teller, the member for Maryborough, that were widely reported. Not content to talk amongst his colleagues, he went on radio. What did we see? We saw the first headline: 'Derailed: Labor insider's stunning games confession'. That was the first one. I table that headline for members opposite who may not have made it down the coast.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, dated 1 August 2017, titled 'Derailed' [[1226](#)].

It is a confession by the member for Maryborough that included—

We are going to have a transport debacle.

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We're struggling, no use lying to people saying everything is all good.

...

I'll be quite honest with people—

thank you, member for Maryborough—

these trains were supposed to be up and running before the Commonwealth Games.

The bad news did not stop there. The next day we got this in response to Labor's unilateral decision to kill 13,000 jobs on the coast—'Yay! Labor celebrates as the coast loses'. I table that.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, dated 2 August 2017, titled 'Yay! Labor celebrates as Coast loses' [[1227](#)].

This is backed up by another one—'Palaszczuk scorns own study to kill resort'. I table that.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, dated 2 August 2017, titled 'Palaszczuk scorns own study to kill resort' [[1228](#)].

This is the week of success. This is how the *Courier-Mail* described the jobs-destroying ASF backflip—‘Going for broke’. I table that article as well.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier Mail*, dated 2 August 2017, titled ‘Going for broke’ [[1229](#)].

Labor lost in its gamble to snatch seats. On the same day the media was highlighting that embarrassing about-face, it was also reported that only 27 bikies had handed back their badges under Labor’s soft laws and that the LNP’s tough criminal gangs laws were three times more efficient. Then there was ‘Patch me if you can’. I table that report for the benefit of the House.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Gold Coast Bulletin*, dated 2 August 2017, titled ‘Patch me if you can’ [[1230](#)].