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## **PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENTS**

### **Palaszczuk Labor Government, Performance**

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.58 pm): Talk about more 'yadda yadda yadda' from Labor. There we have the cast of *Seinfeld*: we have Elaine and right next to her is Kramer—always sticking his head in—and the member for Mulgrave is George, who can never quite get it right. No-one pays any attention to him and no-one recognises his true value.

Talk about 'yadda yadda yadda'. While there is no serious discussion going on over there, Queensland is suffering. All we have is a Premier who seems to adopt the tactic of clinging to the Maroons victory over New South Wales as her single excuse of how to deal with things. Without the continued success of Cameron Smith and his Maroons warriors, we would be struggling to notch up any wins in the ongoing rivalry between Queensland and New South Wales, let alone between Australia and New Zealand in the Bledisloe Cup.

The Premier appears to have adopted the tactic of waving away every serious issue pressing down on her government with a glib, meaningless reference to the State of Origin competition. Let me bring some real force to the analogy. When it comes to the economic state of origin, New South Wales is in a different league from the Labor way of doing things in Queensland. In New South Wales, unemployment is lower, debt is lower, forecast growth is higher and infrastructure is being built. Under Labor, business conditions in Queensland are lower than they are in New South Wales.

Queensland is losing market share to other states in the vital area of tourism. In terms of organised crime, our laws are weaker, making us a prime target for interstate gangs to come back to Queensland. Industrial lawlessness has flourished and the CFMEU is back at the helm. When one of her own team stuffs up, the Premier gets angry. When the issue is too hot to handle, she disappears entirely. Only the LNP can deliver the better government that Queensland needs.