



## Speech By Tim Nicholls

## **MEMBER FOR CLAYFIELD**

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Mr NICHOLLS (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.35 am): To hear the Deputy Premier talking about moral obligation! This from someone who stood shoulder to shoulder with Dave Hanna and also Ravbar, the CFMEU and the AWU. Definitely this is a Labor government, if any proof was needed for the people of Queensland, of cons, costs and crisis and we just saw it today. We have a Premier who lurches from crisis to crisis. All the while, Queenslanders pay the price for her incompetency. The latest news flash from around the world: even European royalty knows how bad this Labor government is. The latest joke is, 'Have you heard the one about a Danish prince walking into a Queensland bar?' You know what? He doesn't! He can't even get in the door!

This is a government of cons, costs and crisis. Those triple Cs are pretty damaging—just like having a Labor minister facing the CCC with a reasonable suspicion of corrupt conduct. We have the member for Yeerongpilly, the eponymous 'mangocube6', making the Premier long for the days when her ministers committed lesser offences such as not paying your rates, behaving in a manner unbecoming of a minister or not being able to get the rail network to run on time—making sure you have enough drivers and making sure you monitor your Twitter account to know when the trains are going to be cancelled.

What have we seen in the last 2½ years of a Labor government in crisis? We have the member for Cook gone, we have the member for Cairns gone and we have the member for Pumicestone who should be gone. In fact, there is not enough time for me to detail the issues regarding the member for Pumicestone. Even the ones who have not left yet think the Palaszczuk government is in a crisis. Who can forget what the member for Maryborough said about trains and the Commonwealth Games? The member for Bundamba in particular cannot wait for them to be gone. We know that there are few friends over there. Then we have the member for Mirani backing up. He went online to vent his spleen about this government. It is no wonder this government is in a crisis when everything boils down to factions and unions. They cannot make a decision because the union bosses will not let them do so.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr NICHOLLS: What more do you need? What more can I say?