




Speech By
Deb Frecklington

MEMBER FOR NANANGO

Record of Proceedings, 2 May 2018

MOTION

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Reports

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (4.57 pm): I move the following amended motion—

That this House—

1. condemns the Palaszczuk Labor government for its arrogance, hypocrisy and secrecy;
2. calls on the Palaszczuk Labor government to immediately publish:
 - (a) all ministerial records in the mangocube6@yahoo.co.uk account;
 - (b) the State Archivist's report into Minister Bailey's deletion of ministerial records;
 - (c) the Ethical Standards Unit report into fraud at Cavendish Road State High School under the member for Mansfield—
 - (d) the youth detention report;
 - (e) the report into systemic failings in the Queensland mental health system;
 - (f) the list of proposed youth bail house addresses;
 - (g) the unwashed department of child safety performance data under former minister Fentiman;
 - (h) the Cross River Rail, Nullinga Dam and Sunshine Coast rail business cases;
 - (i) all Child Death Case Review Panel reports under the Palaszczuk government;
 - (j) the \$165,000 KPMG report into Public Service efficiency;
 - (k) details of the deferred royalty framework offered to Adani for the Carmichael coalmine;
 - (l) the cost and details of the inducement provided to the producers of *Thor: Ragnarok* and *Dora the Explorer*; and
 - (m) every other report that the Palaszczuk Labor government has relied on cabinet privilege to hide from Queenslanders; and—
3. calls on the Palaszczuk Labor government to end its culture of secrecy and to be honest with the people of Queensland.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said that she would lead a government that is accountable and transparent. Anastacia Palaszczuk promised integrity. The Premier promised accountability. It was an easy promise to make to Queensland because it was simply an empty promise. The Premier's commitment to integrity and accountability has been broken time and time and time again. The actions of this Labor government are breaking the trust of Queenslanders. It is as simple as that. Hidden reports and secret documents concern us and also concern the media. There are many pages that we could table in this House, but this one from the *Courier-Mail* in April is headlined 'Culture of secrecy'.

Mr SPEAKER: You will be tabling that; thank you, member.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will table that one.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 28 April 2017, titled 'Culture of Secrecy' [\[601\]](#).

We then had a front-page story in July headlined 'Big little lies', and I table that document.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Courier-Mail*, dated 21 July 2017, titled 'Big little lies' [602].

The lengths to which this Palaszczuk Labor government goes to keep all Queenslanders in the dark is staggering. The Labor government has had in its possession thousands of documents that Queenslanders deserve to see, but they are being kept under lock and key.

My message and the message of the LNP state opposition to Annastacia Palaszczuk is clear: Queenslanders deserve to see those documents. While they are hidden, Queenslanders have no clue about the truth and the true nature of how this government does its business. The consequence is simply that Queenslanders are not fully informed about their government and that is a dangerous place to be.

The Labor government should release the documents about energy minister, Mark Bailey, and the secret directions and back-channel communications between him and the ETU. It is irrelevant that this minister has now moved portfolios in an attempt to hide from those emails. The Labor government should release those documents about Minister Bailey and, importantly, the secret directions and back-channel communications with the ETU. We know only a fraction—only a fraction—of Minister Bailey's conduct and that little scrap is so disturbing to anyone who believes in a transparent government. The emails and the complete remainder of the emails should be released so that Queenslanders are fully informed about their elected official.

Clearly, the ETU has directed the minister to intervene in industrial relations disputes, overruling the professional executives who have been hired to run these government owned energy businesses efficiently, and locked in work practices that are increasing the cost of electricity.

Mr Bailey interjected.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Minister for Transport and Main Roads and member for Chatsworth, please do not have crossfire across the chamber. I will ask you both to leave the chamber if you cannot listen to this debate or be involved in it.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: The minister sits there and we still have close to 1,000 emails that have not been released. What do we hear from the Premier? 'It's been dealt with.' The issue is that it has not been dealt with, because those 1,000 emails still have not been released. Those secret emails with secret demands from the Palaszczuk government's union masters should be out in the open. The ones that have been obtained by the LNP and the media outlets are damning. They put the desires of unions before everyday energy users.

The head of the CCC said that it was a corruption risk that Minister Bailey used his private email account for ministerial businesses. It is a culture of secrecy and hiding. Queenslanders have a lot of questions. If Labor does not believe it is hiding anything, why will it not continue to release these documents? We have put in right to information request after right to information request. We will continue to hold this government to account.