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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.15 pm): Listening to the Deputy Premier's ministerial statements each week can be very entertaining and very enlightening.

Mr Krause: Fiction.

Mr MANDER: I take that interjection from the member for Scenic Rim. 'Fiction,' he said straight off. Last sitting week we heard about how well our economy is going apparently, despite the fact that right across the state there are different peak bodies telling us how bad we are going and how lowly we are ranked compared to every other state in this nation.

Today we heard from the Treasurer and Deputy Premier that the people of Australia want a federal government that is like the Queensland government. If I have heard a more comical statement in this House, I cannot remember it. If the people of Australia vote for Bill Shorten, that is exactly what they will get. They will get a government exactly like this state government—a government that is bred, that is led and that is fed by the trade union movement. We do not have to go far to see how much this government is influenced and controlled by the trade union movement and how that would apply even more under a Shorten government if Australia were unlucky enough to have that result.

This is a government that thinks it is appropriate for unions to send CVs through private email addresses for positions on boards and other government positions and thinks that is a normal process and acceptable. This is a government that allows our railways to be totally and utterly controlled by the trade union movement—a union that has controlled the number of drivers to make sure that they get more overtime so that we have a situation where a driver earned \$190,000 last year.

This is a government that allows unions to be on interview panels for school principals. Can you think of any other workplace that allows union officials on panels to select managers and government employees? It is absolutely ridiculous. This is a government that wants our children to be indoctrinated by the trade union movement by bringing in programs supposedly about their work rights.

This is a government that has created an IR environment where over at the Queen's Wharf redevelopment we have a carpenter earning \$230,000 a year. This is a government that stacks boards with trade union lackeys. Board after board after board is filled with trade union lackeys. There is no greater example than a CFMEU heavy being on the QBCC board. Can you think of anything more ridiculous than that, Mr Deputy Speaker?

This is a government that is held captive by the unions, and that is what would happen if Bill Shorten were elected. This is also a government that is held captive by the green movement. We will not get dams built in this state under a Labor government because they are totally controlled by the radical greens down here when it comes to preferences, so we will never see those dams that regional Queensland so desperately needs. This is a government that is schizophrenic on coalmining.

Mrs Frecklington: They can't even say it.

Mr MANDER: They love the royalties but they cannot say that word. They cannot say the 'c' word because of their flip-flopping attitude on this.

Ms PEASE: I rise to a point of order, Mr Deputy Speaker. I find that language from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition unparliamentary.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! I find that unparliamentary and ask that you withdraw it.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw. This is a government that is also held captive by the Greens. That is why we will not see any action on shark control in the Whitsundays. The rest of the coast has shark control except the Whitsundays which for some reason do not deserve that type of protection. This is a government that is obsessed with ScoMo. They are frightened of ScoMo. All we saw today in their ministerial statements was statement after statement about ScoMo—a man who is connected to the Australian people. He is a man of the people who can have a beer and have a pie. He does not eat a sausage in the middle of a sandwich like Bill Shorten. The scariest four words in the English language—and we hope like heck it does not happen—is 'Prime Minister Bill Shorten'.