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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (5.56 pm): I will say this much for the member for Kawana: at least his speech was better than that of the member for Chatsworth. What was that about? I apologise to the member for Greenslopes, who should have risen on a point of order. Am I the member the Greenslopes? Am I a character in *Game of Thrones*? I do not even watch it.

Tonight I am very pleased to rise to oppose this motion. Last night on Sky news Alan Jones called the state LNP opposition economically illiterate. This motion moved by the member for Everton should sit next to that comment marked 'exhibit A'. What an absolute joke! During budget week the response we get from the alternative treasurer of Queensland is an incoherent mishmash of news clippings and Twitter feeds full of gossip, innuendo and falsehoods. That was a lazy and vexatious contribution from a shadow Treasurer who is entirely out of his depth. It is not just hypocrisy; it is arrogance.

Every time this House sits, we are forced to watch as the LNP members pour their moral bankruptcy into their policy vacuum and cook up a toxic brew of dishonest smears. We see that every week. I say to every single member of this House, in the clearest possible terms, that the claim made by the member for Everton this morning—which he withdrew on the floor but kept in his motion—relating to me and the member for Stafford is absolutely false. I make that clear.

What the LNP find most difficult and cannot do is acknowledge the success of the first female government leadership team in Australian history. Everyone on this side of the House—every single one of us—is proud to be led by them. We know what the member for Everton thinks about women. Members will remember the estimates committee when he deliberately complained about the number of women on the Parole Board. It is no wonder that the leadership spill has started, because the member for Everton cannot stand to be led by a woman. It injures his very concept of what it is to be a man. That is the truth.

Why would you deliberately go into the estimates committee, deliberately drafting questions to attack women on the Parole Board if you could not stand women? That is the member for Everton. Being lectured on leadership by the LNP is like being lectured to by Clive Palmer on truth in advertising. There are so many unsheathed knives over there, it is like an audition episode for *MasterChef*.

In the most damning indictment since George Brandis described the member for Clayfield as 'very, very mediocre', Alan Jones last night described the leadership of the coalition in Queensland as 'beyond hopeless'—beyond as in worse than; as in if they work really, really hard one day they may aspire to be merely hopeless. Jones also described the move against Frecklington. He said, 'The move against Frecklington is on.' That hardly comes as a surprise to anyone on this side of the House, but it may explain why the member for Everton is so excitable. He has sweaty palms, is agitated and ready to go knowing the window of opportunity is open just a little bit. He may soon get the chance to add to his perfect record of failed leadership bids. That is coming.

Unfortunately, the member for Everton failed to listen to Alan Jones last night because he said 'beyond hopeless' referred to the leadership team, as in the leader and the deputy. Very pleasingly for the House, 'Wilson the volleyball' was included in that damning indictment.

Everyone heard this morning the motion moved by the deputy leader. Everyone is now saying, 'How bad is the Deputy Leader of the Opposition? How bad is he?' Meanwhile, the member for Broadwater sits, watches and waits. He goes on Peter Gleeson's show. We know the member for Broadwater is the go-to man for Sky. Who else does he talk to on Sky News? I wonder who else would be talking to Alan Jones about the leadership shift. He is the go-to man for Sky. I have woken him up because he knows what is going on.

This motion says everything possible about the unfitness of the leadership of the LNP. It says everything about their unfitness and should be opposed.

(Time expired)