




Speech By
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MOTION

Electricity Assets

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (2.46 pm): This motion is a D-grade distraction from Anna's A-grade apprentice. This is a disgraceful attempt to try to divert the agenda of this parliament from what it should be this week and that is about integrity. This parliament should be talking about integrity and it should be talking about laws to improve people's lives. We have begged the government for more time to debate the reef legislation. Instead, later on this evening, or tomorrow, one of the most important pieces of legislation that will be put before this House will be guillotined without every member being able to speak to it.

Mr de BRENNI: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Clearly, the member for Broadwater is straying into a debate on a private member's motion and also a debate on a bill. Mr Deputy Speaker, I ask you to remind him of relevance

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): I concur. Member for Broadwater, can you come back to the motion being debated.

Mr CRISAFULLI: Mr Deputy Speaker, thank you. I certainly will not talk about the content of that bill. I will talk about the need for this parliament to debate things that matter to people. This motion seeks to get a grain, a link, from something happening in parliament in Canberra to use it to further an agenda. I will play the game of the Deputy Premier. I will paint a little bit of a history about asset sales. I am not going to go through the long list that has been referred to in this place—

Ms Trad interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I say to the Deputy Premier that I will get on to that. I want to talk about one sale in particular from 2007 that sticks in my craw, because everywhere I go people still raise it, and that is the sale of the Golden Casket in 2007. When I go to parts of regional Queensland, older Queenslanders tell me that that was an asset that used to fund health services in this state. When they saw it flogged off for all but \$530 million they thought, 'This is a government that doesn't have my interests at heart.' So it is with this government. Those opposite will stand up and somehow seek to debate asset sales against a party that has never sold an asset in this state. They will stand up and attempt to talk about Strong Choices—

Mr Bailey: You lost your seat!

Mr CRISAFULLI: I will take the interjection from the member for Miller. I did lose my seat. I learnt the lesson, but clearly those opposite have not learnt the lesson because in the same way we saw the Bligh government in its death throes in 2011, so too is this one in the middle of a term: a government so disconnected with the state, so out of touch, so unable to sell a vision, with a Treasurer who is more interested in her property value than your property value, more interested in lining her pockets than lining your pockets.

Ms TRAD: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Those comments are personally offensive and I ask the member to withdraw.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I withdraw. With a jaw made so much of glass that Windex could not clean it—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Member for Broadwater, you are asked to withdraw unreservedly. It does not need further comment.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I withdraw.

Ms TRAD: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I ask for his second comment to be formally withdrawn as well.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Broadwater, the Deputy Premier has found your second comment offensive. I ask you to withdraw.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I withdraw. Since 2015, both sides of politics in this place have ruled out the notion of asset sales. Only one side has ever done that and then after an election sold an asset, but both sides have ruled it out. There has been one body that has spoken about asset sales and about privatisation and that is the ETU. The ETU has accused those opposite of privatisation via stealth with the rollout of the solar scheme. Let me rule it out today, as those opposite are calling on us to do. We have learnt our lesson. We took a package to the people of Queensland and, as the member for Kawana said and as I experienced firsthand, the message was received loud and clear.

The public would forgive those opposite for the deceit and the sale of an asset after promising not to if they had used the money wisely and delivered something for Queensland, but they did not. At the same time they failed to build key infrastructure, debt went up in this state. At the same time they were flogging things off, services were in freefall, and so it is today. Those opposite come into this place and seek to use a piece of federal legislation—which, by the way, states if a court orders the divestment of a publicly owned entity it would need to remain publicly owned and not forcibly privatised—as a diversion because it is a government void of an agenda.