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 **Mr MINNIKIN** (Chatsworth—LNP) (5.41 pm): I rise to speak in support of the member for Everton's motion. Like many people around the world, I was very disappointed with the final season of *Game of Thrones*, which aired recently. I want to thank our own Littlefinger equivalent, the member for Woodridge, for writing his own script. It is true that he left the TV stage for a three-year non-self-imposed break as his previous seasons' performances were not getting the required ratings in Greenslopes land and he was unceremoniously dumped. Despite some haggling from the leftie actors equity board at the 2014 ALP conference—principally, the Joffrey-like character, the member for South Brisbane, and Arya, some would say akin to the member for Bundamba—he managed to pick up enough support from his new audience in the Woodridge kingdom. Apparently he went missing recently from the stage set for 72 hours and locked himself in his own trailer—you know, the super huge, 'I am the real star of this show' one with lots and lots of mirrors. Apparently he had the locks and pin code to his trailer changed so that only his real sycophants, like fellow cast member Tyrion—some might say member for Stretton-like—could tell him that he was the one to assume the iron throne—sorry, that is made out of a natural resource; I should say the renewable pine throne!

Indeed, the most recent season of *Game of Thrones* being played out here was disappointing on many levels. We had shallow performances from Melisandre—some may say like the member for Keppel—saying that a Cersei—possibly the member for Inala—led government needed a hard look at themselves in the mirror. Who knows, maybe she should go borrow one from the Littlefinger-like equivalent the former member for Greenslopes, before he absconded to become the member for Woodridge because he fancied his chances of getting higher ratings there. Did I mention that he has lots and lots of mirrors in his trailer?

In what can only be described as one of those quirky plot twists in Labor's 'game of thrones', that colourful character Bran, that shadowy figure some might say like the member for Maryborough, was pushing for changes to the cast line-up, saying that we need more cabinet changes around the iron throne, including a minister from a regional kingdom north of the wall. Although he has been up until this season a minor bit part player, some might say that Stannis-like character the member for Rockhampton contributed to the unusual script line saying he was concerned about losing his spot on the show and that the viewing audience was concerned that the Iron Kingdom was about getting rid of mining and jobs.

Nobody saw this plot development in Labor's 'game of thrones' when one of the characters from the north, Catelyn—possibly like the member for Mundingburra—asked for more representation from the north. We all thought she was written out of the series during that infamous leftie, red wedding episode! What a remarkable comeback!

Sitting in the background getting very frustrated that she is being cut out of the script because, let us face it, she knows she is the real star—just ask her—is Daenerys, similar to the member for Cooper. She used to appear regularly with Joffrey and Sansa, the member for Waterford-like equivalent,

but the current season has seen a fallout amongst this trio. Creative differences perhaps? Maybe they all covet the leftie Logie or, more likely, to be queen of the Seven Kingdoms. We have seen from the first season that Joffrey, the member equivalent to the member for South Brisbane, has been eyeing the prize. Speaking of the member for South Brisbane, plenty of people in TV land are speculating that she might be searching for a more favourable kingdom to rule, a lot like Littlefinger, the member for Woodridge. She is a cunning actor and remembered when Birnam Wood came to Dunsinane in an earlier Shakespearian play. Green armies certainly concern her greatly and they have been on the march in her kingdom for many years now. Like the White Walkers, their march is relentless.

Where is this final season heading? The fans are restless because we saw a couple of weeks ago during the awards season in Canberra that the red-hot favourite to win the gold Logie lost and the underdog won. Apparently a lot of scripts needed to be amended and changed as even the bookies got it wrong. One thing is for sure: this real-life Labor 'game of thrones' has plenty to offer the viewers yet. Will Littlefinger-like character the member for Greenslopes have enough mirrors? Will Tyrion, the member similar to the member for Stretton, ever get to join the A-list cast? Who was responsible for that lump of coal being seen next to the coffee cup at the caucus banquet? And what about that much maligned method actor, Daenerys, some would say the equivalent of the member for Cooper? Surely she has a chance of coming up through the middle of all the schemers to take the leftie iron throne in her own right. She has tasted bitter defeat before in the kingdom of Ashgrove but, like many members of this washed out cast, still prefers to play on the political stage.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Thank you, Lord Varys.