




Speech By
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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11.46 am): I rise to speak against the government's motion. I ask the question: why was the LNP government brought into power in 2012? Because the Bligh government sold assets without telling the people. Some of those ministers who made that decision are sitting in this room and have a very short memory. At that time, the member for Sandgate sat around the cabinet table. The member for Cooper, the member for Woodridge, the member for McConnel—all ministers—and, of course, the Premier herself all sat around the Bligh cabinet table and made that decision—

Ms GRACE: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. What is your point of order?

Ms GRACE: Mr Speaker, I think there was an error. I was not a minister in the Bligh government. I will give the opportunity to the member for Everton to withdraw and correct the record.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw, but she was an enthusiastic backbencher.

Mr SPEAKER: No. Order! Member for Everton, you will withdraw unreservedly.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw unreservedly, but—

Mr SPEAKER: No, member for Everton.

Mr MANDER: Sorry, no buts. Okay.

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members to my right, I do not need your assistance. There will be no buts or ifs after I ask you to withdraw.

Mr MANDER: I withdraw. And—no ands? Okay.

Mr SPEAKER: You are treading a fine line, member.

Mr MANDER: This government is full of hypocrisy. Week after week, sitting after sitting, the members opposite get up and talk about asset sales. Not one member on this side of the House in the LNP sold one asset in this state. Who sold the assets? It was the government.

The members opposite talk about cutting and running. The member for Woodridge cut and run from the electorate of Greenslopes—to go to that working class seat that he can relate to so well. The member for Sandgate cut and run from the electorate of Stafford. Of course, we have the member for Murrumba who cut and run from the electorate of Maiwar.

Mrs Frecklington: The Deputy Premier is about to cut and run.

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection. The Deputy Premier is tipped to cut and run very shortly.

Those opposite sold assets: they sold the forest; they sold the Port of Brisbane; they sold the Port of Abbot Point; they sold QR National. They laugh about it. We still have record levels of debt. Is it any wonder that hard decisions have to be made by government.

Mr Langbroek: They sold Townsville Airport.

Mr MANDER: I will take that interjection from the member for Surfers Paradise. They sold Townsville Airport. That is a very good point. The members of the gallery should not be sucked in by this mob. If you want to use the word 'suck', I will use the word 'suck'.

Mr SPEAKER: No. Through the chair.

Mr MANDER: The people of Townsville will not be fooled by this government. This government comes up here with fake promises, reannouncements, things that will happen in 20 or 30 years time—maybe. The people of Townsville will tell us what they think in October 2020.