



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR EVERTON**

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**MOTION**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Coronavirus Response**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (11.55 am): I rise to speak on the motion. In mid-May last year, just before the federal election, every minister opposite stood and waxed lyrical about Bill Shorten, how they could not wait for him to be the prime minister and the fact that he would be prime minister. That was their tip. Guess what? They were insincere! They never wanted Bill Shorten to win that election—no way in the world—because if Bill Shorten won the election they would have nobody to blame.

**Mrs D'ATH:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order on relevance. He has only three minutes on this motion. You would think he could be relevant for that long.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): Order! Member of Everton, I was giving you a little bit of latitude. I need you to speak to the motion at hand.

**Mr MANDER:** Queenslanders are sick and tired of this government blaming everybody else for their woes and their inadequacies. If it is not the federal government, it is the Brisbane City Council. If it is not the Brisbane City Council, it is Campbell Newman. If it is not Campbell Newman, it is the previous LNP government of five years ago. The people of Queensland are sick of it and they want this government to take responsibility for what they are actually responsible for.

They were dragged, kicking and screaming, to bring this package about because 16 days ago the opposition leader called for the measures that they have finally announced. The reason they have to continue to go cap in hand to the federal government is because they are broke. The Queensland government is broke under Premier Palaszczuk and Treasurer Trad. They have no idea. They have run this economy into the ground and we have no spare cash. We have no money stored away for a rainy day. In fact, it is exactly the opposite: we are hurtling towards \$91 billion worth of debt. If the people of Queensland want to know what impact that debt has, this is it here today. We have nothing up our sleeve for when an emergency situation takes place. Unfortunately, in this state emergencies happen all the time, whether it is drought, bushfire, flood or a virus that comes in from overseas. These things happen, but we have no contingency plans. We have absolutely nothing. What this government does is whinge, whine and blame the federal government for their economic incompetence.

One of the ways that we can solve these problems, especially in our tourism areas, is to make sure that we have great local representatives. In Currumbin we have a great local representative in Laura Gerber. We will also win back the seat of Gaven and we will have a blue wash on the Gold Coast, which is the best result for tourism in this state and on the Gold Coast.