



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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**MOTION**

**Business Program**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.27 am): If only we could harness the hot air from the member for Kawana our power grid would be so much stronger! We always get the contrite argument from the member for Kawana that we do not have enough time for debate. We have to put up with the same speech every time this business program motion is moved—wasting this chamber's time.

The Leader of the Opposition said things would be different. Do members remember that? He said things would be different, yet everything is the same on the other side, whether it is the member for Kawana's amateur thespian routines or the same tactics. The Leader of the Opposition even interjects rabidly in the same way the former leader of the opposition did. He has a very thin skin. It does not take much to get him going.

They said things would be different, yet when I look around nothing has changed. Nothing has changed from those opposite. All we get are the same old tactics. Why this is contested and why we do not just get on with it is hard to work out. When it comes to aimlessness, those opposite are the masters of aimlessness. Let us be really clear. They have won one election outright in 30-odd years—one. That is it. They are specialists on the opposition benches. That is what they are really good at. They are really good at losing.

It is this government that has been introducing social reforms—voluntary assisted dying, choice for women, social reform, record spends on infrastructure and a world-leading COVID response. They have the temerity to come into this place and suggest that this is a government running out of ideas, when the rest of the world looks at Queensland's COVID response and thinks, 'How did you achieve that?' There have been tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of deaths in other countries. We have had seven in Queensland and those opposite are trying to run a line that we have run out of puff. It is laughable. I will leave it at that.

The motion of the Leader of the House ought to be supported. I do not think the time of the House is well spent having this repetitive debate by the member for Kawana, who is very overrated on the opposite benches.