




Speech By
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DEBT REDUCTION AND SAVINGS BILL

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (11.20 am), continuing: It is wonderful to resume my contribution from last evening when I was reflecting upon how many non-government members were not on the speaking list. There is a bit of delight as I look at the speaking list now and see the opposition members for Toowoomba South, Theodore and Lockyer have been added to the speaking list—

Mrs Frecklington: That's because we've all spoken.

Ms BOYD:—but I cannot help but wonder where the member for Broadwater is in this debate.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Nanango, you are on a warning. You can leave the chamber for one hour under standing order 253A.

Whereupon the honourable member for Nanango withdrew from the chamber at 11.21 am.

Ms BOYD: In my contribution last night I was also reflecting on a *Brisbane Times* article of 7 October 2014 regarding the contribution from the member for Clayfield when he was indeed the short-lived treasurer of Queensland. I want to particularly reflect on this section of the article when in 2010, as shadow Treasurer, Mr Nicholls, the member for Clayfield, told state parliament claims from the then Labor government that the state would still own assets on a 99-year lease were a 'furphy'. Mr Nicholls said—

As anyone would know if they had observed the privatisation of assets, a 99-year lease is as good as giving away the farm ...

He said that on 23 March 2010. I reflect also that the LNP opposition in Queensland has no economic plan whatsoever because it cannot find efficiencies rather than cut and it cannot cut workers rather than make savings. This is entirely contrary to its ideology.

In my contribution I want to also give credit to local Brendale business owners Jada Woodward and Craig Goss. They are the owners of the Method Tattoo Coffee Bar. I met with them in their business in Brendale on 28 April and it was there that they expressed to me some concerns. They made a late submission to the committee, and I thank the committee for accepting that late submission, where they detailed their worry around the measures contained within the bill in relation to tattoo inks. They source theirs from the United States. I want to credit the committee and the Minister for Health for the withdrawal of those provisions contained within the bill. This is demonstrative of how as a Labor government we listen and we respond. We certainly listened to the tattoo industry around its concerns in relation to tattoo inks. That is a credit to not only this government but also the robust way our committee system works. I commend the bill to the House.