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
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**MOTION**

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 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (6.04 pm): My contribution tonight is brought to members by the letter 'C'. Why is that? That is because this state Labor government has a fascination with words that begin with 'C'. When it comes to looking at their failures, they have a fixation with words beginning with 'C'. We saw the Deputy Premier last week at the Labour Day march disgracefully use a word beginning with 'C', which was totally inappropriate and an embarrassment to the government.

When it comes to defending their failures, they will often use words beginning with the letter 'C'. They are looking for fault. If it is not Campbell's fault, it is COVID's fault. If it is not COVID's fault, it is Canberra's fault. When it came to the health crisis it was culture that was at fault.

When it comes to the infrastructure and housing crisis, they also use a word beginning with 'C'—that is, culture. It is not just with health but with housing infrastructure as well. What culture is it? It is a culture that will not unleash—another word beginning with 'C'—the community housing sector. They will not unleash the community housing sector. Why will they not? Their culture philosophically says that they will not let the community housing sector manage social housing.

The community housing sector also has words starting with 'C' to describe it. They are caring. They are compassionate. They are capable. One of the problems we have at the moment is that, because of this philosophical culture against community housing, this state cannot get access to funding from NHFIC, the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation. That is a Commonwealth government backed loan facility. Every other state—even Labor Party states—are getting hundreds of millions of dollars to invest in affordable and community housing. Queensland is basically getting zip because this government will not allow the community housing sector to have the asset base they need to get access to that funding. The only way they get that is if we allow them to manage social housing. That is not happening.

The National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation offers another 'C' word—cash; cash that we desperately need. It is not the piddly \$131 million that this government has used in partnership with the community housing sector but hundreds of millions of dollars that we desperately need to meet the housing crisis we have at the moment. There is an affordability issue. There is a rental crisis. There is a social housing crisis, as mentioned by others, with 26,000 people on the social housing waiting list.

What we have seen this week, in the words of the great Rugby League philosopher Benny Elias, is *deja vu* all over again. Who can remember before the last federal election when minister after minister got up and bagged the Morrison government and endorsed Bill Shorten as Prime Minister? The week before the election every one of them got up to endorse Bill Shorten. We are seeing the same thing happening with this budget. Every minister is getting up to bag the federal government in preparation for the election that will happen in 12 months time—

**Mrs Frecklington:** Not mentioning Albanese though.

**Mr MANDER:** I take that interjection from the member for Nanango. There is no mention of 'Albo' whatsoever. Within 12 months the Morrison government will have a thumping victory because the budget they delivered this week is a budget that this Labor government is envious of. They are jealous of the results and outcomes that this government will produce. I cannot wait for 12 months time when we once again remind those opposite of their criticism of this budget, minister by minister. There is one final 'C' when it comes to describing this government with regard to infrastructure and housing solutions—that is, clueless.