



Speech By  
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**Climate Change**

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (11.40 am): I have seen a few stunts in this place and I might have participated in a few, but the one this morning is a cracker by a government that is under the pump. This government has a Caboolture Hospital health crisis. The government now looks increasingly like it has a Mackay Hospital health crisis. This government again has an ambulance ramping crisis. It is a government that has no plan for the future, no plan for businesses, no plan for when Queenslanders can expect to return to some degree of normalcy in their lives and no plan for lifting the restrictions that currently impede so many businesses and are keeping so many Queenslanders out of their home state, stopping them from coming home to Queensland.

We hear from the various members opposite—the Minister for the Environment, the Premier and others—that Scott Morrison should be going to Glasgow. The real reason they say that is because they really want to go to Glasgow. They want to stand on the world stage with Greta Thunberg. They want to jump up and proclaim their virtuousness publicly, declaring how good they are, while failing to deliver on their existing promises here in Queensland. They are more interested in standing on the world stage in Glasgow than they are in making sure that health, hospital and ambulance services are being delivered here for Queenslanders. That is their main aim. They cannot walk and chew gum at the same time, as Lyndon Johnson famously said.

Those opposite talk about Scott Morrison and the LNP, who are having a proper, sensible policy debate. It may well be that the coalition will come to some resolution in relation to emissions and emissions control, but currently the federal government are ensuring that Australia is beating its commitment to the Kyoto Protocol. They are doing better than they said they would, which is more than you can say for the Labor government here in Queensland.

What do we know about the Labor government? We know that their mate and ALP right powerbroker, Bill Shorten, has not got over the loss in 2019. They were all banking on it. The Treasurer from the AWU, the health minister and all of the AWU faction lobbyists were banking on Bill getting over the line, but then he snuck into Gladstone and told a worker on \$140,000, 'We're going to tax you a bit more!' They have gone quiet ever since. Then last month Albo turned up to visit a coalmine but did not tell anyone that he was going. That is what they think about it. So much for coexistence. I have seen this stunt before. It is a stunt that should be seen for what it is.

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