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## MOTION

### Federal Morrison Government

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (5.30 pm): It is quite right what the member for Toowoomba South said: we do need our fair share in Queensland, and it is about time we had the Albanese Labor government to deliver it. It has been a long 3,158 days for Queensland. There have been 3,158 days of darkness for Queensland under this dreadful Abbott-Turnbull-McCormack-Dutton-Morrison-Joyce government.

I thought Tony Abbott was a low point when it came to prime ministers. Malcolm Turnbull seemed like he was scraping the bottom of the barrel, but Scott Morrison plumbs new depths. At the end of the day it comes back to character. The Prime Minister is arrogant. He is a bully. He is stubborn. He refuses to apologise. He hates Queenslanders. He is toxic. There is a reason that LNP members and candidates for the federal election cannot take the Prime Minister anywhere. He certainly is not visible in Longman, where our federal MP is one of Morrison's most bumbling marginal backbenchers. He is nowhere to be seen in Dickson; it is a dark day for the federal LNP when Scott Morrison is a drag on Peter Dutton's vote.

The Prime Minister has utterly failed Queenslanders when it comes to health. It is not just that he has not given us our fair share of health funding; it is the Palaszczuk Labor government that does the heavy lifting time after time to deliver better health care for Queenslanders. The contrast is massive. In and around Pumicestone we are delivering almost half a billion dollars in new health and hospital infrastructure, but local people cannot even get in to see a GP. I have been working and calling for action on this ever since I was elected, and nothing has changed. People are waiting months for a GP appointment due to the federal government's cuts to our DPA status.

We have heard that they have failed on housing. We are investing \$2.9 billion in Queensland housing, but Scott Morrison's cuts to NRAS will see 140 families in my electorate out on the street. He told renters who are struggling to pay the rent to 'just go and buy a house'.

More than anything, Scott Morrison has failed women right across Queensland, and that is why his support amongst women is tanking. He refused to back the *Respect@work* report. He said that women who participated in the March 4 Justice were lucky not to be met by bullets. His protection racket for his ministers who have been accused of improper conduct is legendary. There has been his tone-deaf bullying and backgrounding towards Grace Tame and Brittany Higgins, a young woman who was an adviser in his own government. There is his lack of support for the aged-care workers, mostly women, who work so hard to care for elderly Queenslanders. Scott Morrison will not take responsibility, he will not give Queenslanders our fair share and we need to say goodbye to Scott Morrison.

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