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Integrity in Government

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (8.39 pm): I once asked one of my students the meaning of integrity after he made an unwise decision. He said, 'Miss, integrity is doing what is right even when nobody is watching.' Integrity is about doing what is right, moral and ethical, not necessarily what is popular.

The Queensland Labor Party has a proven track record of delivering services and programs for all Queenslanders, especially those who experience times of vulnerability in our community. Our Labor government has been able to successfully pivot and adjust its strategy during the past 2½ years of the COVID-19 pandemic to keep Queenslanders safe and drive a successful economy that has been the envy of other jurisdictions and western developed countries. Our state Labor government also has a proven track record to address the integrity of our democratic political systems and machinery-of-government structures and procedures to deliver integrity reform to improve transparency and accountability.

This year the Palaszczuk government commissioned two significant integrity reports. First, Professor Peter Coaldrake released his final report on 28 June 2022 titled *Let the sunshine in*, which made 14 recommendations designed to strengthen accountability and integrity mechanisms in the Queensland government. As the Premier has clearly stated, our government will accept all of his recommendations lock, stock and barrel. The recommendations are bold, comprehensive, visionary and exactly what we want for this state. Once they are implemented, Queensland will have the most transparent and accountable government in Australia.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Lui): Excuse me, member, can you confirm that you are not anticipating debate on a bill before the House?

Ms McMILLAN: Yes, I can. The second significant report was delivered to the Queensland government on 9 August 2022 by the Hon. Tony Fitzgerald AC, KC and Hon. Alan Wilson KC relating to the Crime and Corruption Commission. The commission of inquiry's recommendations are intended to improve the way the CCC operates under the guiding principle that they should all serve to restore and cement public confidence in the CCC. In contrast, the LNP has failed to support the review of our state's accountability and integrity procedures and processes. The LNP challenged our lowering of the donation disclosure threshold in the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal. The LNP voted against the banning of property developer donations and the recommendations of the CCC, and the LNP voted against the legislation that enabled the introduction of real-time disclosure. They sacked and stood over the CCC chairman, they sacked the CCC parliamentary committee in the dead of the night and they voted against every integrity measure we introduced. With a solid track record against integrity reform by the LNP, the big question is whether David Crisafulli will commit to Professor Coaldrake's reforms.