




Speech By
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MOTION

Voice to Parliament

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.18 am): I am going to embrace the opportunity to talk about First Nations people in this state and First Nations people in this country. I am going to start by making the observation that the Premier has said that she does not want to see anything that seeks to divide, yet we get this motion and the opposition is not given one minute's notice—not one minute.

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! I will have order in this debate.

Mr CRISAFULLI: If the Premier was truly looking for a unified position, if the Premier was looking for this parliament to send a clear message, would this not have been done in the spirit of cooperation? I contrast the way the Prime Minister has conducted himself in this debate with the way the Premier just did. I want to point to Mr Albanese's leadership and the way he has sought to build consensus on this versus the grubby wedge politics of this third-term, checked-out Premier. I will say two things about Mr Albanese. The first is that he has given this every opportunity to succeed by the way he has conducted himself, and the second is that Mr Albanese said that governments do not get better in their fourth term. I have to say that he is right about both of those.

I have been in all 16 Indigenous communities that have a council chamber in this state. I have walked there, I have listened, I have reflected on the challenges that they face, and I will say this to you, Mr Deputy Speaker: this parliament should come in here and with every ounce of effort we should determine the things that we control with those Indigenous communities and we should get them right. One of those is running water, where communities that many of our members represent do not have access to reliable water. Another is housing. In the Speaker's electorate people are crammed in homes and, to the great credit of the Speaker, he has called it out. There are not job opportunities.

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! The House will come to order. This is a general warning. I will start to warn members on both sides of the House if we continue to have a disorderly debate.

Mr CRISAFULLI: People are crammed into houses, the standard of which no-one would accept anywhere else in this country. Job opportunities just are not there, unemployment is at figures that no-one should ever accept and children are put in harm's way, yet ministers give nothing to fix it. The government cannot come in here with cheap political stunts when the things under their watch are not being tackled.