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MOTION

Jobs, Skills and Training

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (12.11 pm): When the Deputy Premier moves a motion about a job, he has only one job in mind. We saw it this morning. He so wanted to just jump to the left a little bit more than he already could, believe it or not, to jump into the Premier's chair. However, more pointed was the Treasurer: sitting there and given the opportunity to answer a question, he could not help himself but had to just creep into the Premier's chair because he wanted the photos taken of him standing at the Premier's chair as that is what he desires.

What an absolute joke of a motion from a government that has TAFE campuses in Queensland vacant—empty—at the moment with grass growing over the roof of TAFE campuses and that man opposite talks about fake unions. Let us talk about fake doctors. When he was first elected he paraded himself around as a doctor. No, he has a doctorate in union membership, and I might add, if they are at the jobs summit, union membership in Australia is the lowest it has been in 100 years. People are leaving the union movement, and why? Because they saw what happened last week in the TMR building. If you are a TMR admin officer at the front door, why on earth would you want to join a union that does not support you and puts you in harm's way?

The government now wants to talk about jobs. It wants to talk about these interesting ideas that Wellcamp is going to be used for. Is it going to turn Wellcamp into one of the agricultural colleges it closed down in our regional communities? How is that for an interesting idea? What is it going to do with Wellcamp? This morning members on the other side talked about \$220 million. They talked about extending the lease. He did not commit to whether the government was going to extend the lease or cancel the lease or what it was going to do with it. We have a building sitting out there just like we have TAFE campuses across Queensland that are sitting vacant.

The government has no idea what it is going to do with Wellcamp. Last week when asked by media what she was going to do with Wellcamp, the Premier said, 'Oh well, you'll have to ask the Deputy Premier. There's some really interesting ideas.' We asked the Deputy Premier. He could not tell Queenslanders one idea that has been suggested for Wellcamp. The reality is that it was a white elephant. I am so sorry that the Deputy Premier did not accept the gift from my constituent and I two weeks ago—the little timber white elephant we gave him—but my gosh it has gone viral on TikTok, more than the dodgy videos the dud Deputy Premier has done on TikTok, and I can assure him of that. The reality is—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw. The reality is the Labor government cut \$3 billion in infrastructure when it was in power last and continues to do so—\$3 billion in infrastructure. What a bad government we have in Queensland.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Before I call the next speaker, I know you withdrew but I do not think Hansard would have heard that. I would ask you to withdraw that unparliamentary language.

Mr BLEIJIE: I withdraw.