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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.52 pm): I will tell honourable members what Labor want to speak about this election. They want to speak about a better future, and that is exactly what Terri Butler is doing in Griffith. She fights for her community every single day. That is why she has delivered and is delivering for the World Wellness Group in Stones Corner a refugee health service. That is why she is out there delivering for Coorparoo Australian Rules Club and for the Holland Park Hawks. That is what Terri Butler does every single day—works for a better future. That is why she is going to fix Medicare, aged care and child care, because we believe in a better future. We are not sitting around in some fantasy land that we are never ever going to be able to deliver; we will leave that to the Greens. Now I want to turn to a positive note.

Mr Minnikin: Take their preferences though. You're going to need them.

Mr KELLY: I want to turn to a positive note, member for Chatsworth. I want to say something positive about ScoMo. There is one thing that ScoMo succeeds at over and over again. He succeeds at failing. He has failed over and over again. During the bushfires, did he pick up the cudgels and come back and protect his community? Oh no! He said, 'I'll have another pina colada please.' That is what ScoMo said. 'If people find out I'm on holidays—don't actually tell them. Just go and lie to the community.' That is what we got from ScoMo.

I say to the women in the House what a failure he is when it comes to the treatment of women. I was honoured and privileged to join the March 4 Justice outside, as I know did many members of this House. What was the response of the Prime Minister? 'They should be happy that we're not shooting at them.' He is a failure when it comes to women.

What about the floods? 'Prime Minister, would you like a mop or a broomstick?' 'No, I'm too busy holding my selfie stick and please don't let anybody get any help until I get my selfie.' That is another failure when it comes to floods. 'Rather than trying to unite the country, let's divide it. Let's say to New South Wales people they are going to get some more money and to Queensland people they are going to get a lot less money.'

Then there was university funding. At a time when we need to be investing more in universities, at a time when we have skill shortages all over the place and we have lost potentially one of our biggest export earners in university funding, that is the time they cut funding. When they lost those overseas students and the income they brought in, which level of government supported the university sector? It was the Palaszczuk Labor government that went out there and saved jobs in my electorate.

Then there was the vaccination rollout. We had to wait four months before we started vaccination. We had vaccines ready to go in December, but they did not start rolling out till March. How many people died as a result of that decision? I can tell honourable members it was a lot. Quarantine was another

absolute failure. The member for Toowoomba South wants to talk about Wellcamp. Why does he not talk about the fact that there is a place out there at Pinkenba that is never, ever going to be built, that will never be used—ever?

Aged care—what a failure there. Where do we start? The absolute utter insult of offering aged-care workers a one-off \$800 pay hit is just disgusting and disgraceful. The royal commission said as much. They did nothing to implement the recommendations of that aged-care royal commission.

If honourable members want to talk about housing affordability, let's talk about NRAS, another absolute and massive failure by the Morrison government. What about the Indigenous housing partnerships that they walked away from here in Queensland? They absolutely walked away from that. For the first time in 50 years the federal government did not show up to fund that. They are absolutely failing Queenslanders and absolutely failing First Nations people.

What about the Uluru Statement from the Heart? If honourable members want to see another failure, they can look to the failure of the federal government when they empowered a group to go out and ask, 'What do you want moving forward?', and they said, 'We want the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This will empower us.' They then said, 'We're not going to give it to you.' That was an utter failure.

How, with this litany of failure and disaster, can we possibly risk having a Morrison government dealing with the cost of living? It is too important. How can we possibly trust them to deal with climate change? How can we possibly trust them to back workers to get decent pay rises? We cannot. Only an Albanese Labor government will deliver a better future.