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MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Leader of the Opposition, Achievements

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (2.10 pm): On the weekend at the Labor state conference, I had the chance to reflect on what a great opportunity it is for Queenslanders to have a Labor Premier and a Labor Prime Minister. It demonstrates that the Australian and Queensland people know that only Labor governments unlock our potential and make society fairer. For the first time in a decade we have a Labor government in Canberra and a Labor government in Queensland fighting for working people and not against them. We are united on the principle that governments should shape a fair and more equitable society; that if you work hard you should have every opportunity to succeed; that if you get sick you should have access to public health care; that education is the great equaliser and every child should have access to it and the opportunities it brings; and that no matter your gender, sexuality, race or background you should be treated equally.

Our Labor values unite us. They drive our government and they ensure that we deliver for Queenslanders every day that we are in government. Right now we are working to get more Queenslanders into housing. We are revolutionising our energy system, creating more jobs and creating cheaper power for households. We are working together to deliver a world-class Olympic and Paralympic Games and to harness all of the opportunities that that brings.

However, everything we have achieved would be at risk of being undone if the LNP were to return to government. The Leader of the Opposition says he is absolutely certain that he will win the next election. I suspect that is more a reflection of his ego than his chances. I note there are not many others on that side who share his confident self-belief, his proclaimed invincibility, his delusion. The Leader of the Opposition listed some of his supposed achievements. Let us run through some of the achievements of the Leader of the Opposition two years after he said things would change and that things would be different.

Let us start with the made-up story about the laptop. That was the first time I know of when an opposition has earned such a stunning rebuke from the CCC that they had to issue a report about his made-up claims. He said they were goons. What did the CCC say? He made that up! He said there was a seized laptop. What did the CCC say? He made that up!

They opposed the health response but they supported a quarantine facility at Pinkenba that still is not open despite a \$500 million bill to taxpayers. They never once called for fifty-fifty health funding until, the day after the election, all of a sudden that seemed like a great idea. Another achievement was when they offended our regional health workers by calling them duds. I know they have always bagged our health system and now they call our regional health workers duds.

They have a shadow cabinet that cannot meet, which is quite an achievement. It is no wonder they have no achievements or plans to speak of. They are more interested in fundraising than they are in Queenslanders. They keep spending their time on cash for access, including going to the Star casino the very week we announced a review into that casino's operations. They had a chance to bring in some new blood, to bring in some renewal and, dare I say, to bring in a woman, and what happened? We have the new member for Callide!

The Leader of the Opposition's confidence might reflect his ego, but it is misplaced because Queenslanders know the consequences of an LNP government for Queensland: cuts to services, sacking public servants and the destruction of our frontline workforce. That is his only plan and he keeps saying that it is his only plan.