




Speech By
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 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (4.19 pm): We have just heard a lot of babble from the Leader of the Opposition, but what we did not hear was him rule out his plan for cuts. He never for one second ruled out his plan for cuts. When it comes to it, give the LNP a microphone and give them a pamphlet and they will tell you what they believe in.

Mr Stevens interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member for Mermaid Beach, you are under a warning. You can leave the chamber for one hour.

Mr Stevens interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: You are under a warning, member.

Whereupon the honourable member for Mermaid Beach withdrew from the chamber at 4.19 pm.

Ms KING: There is not much the LNP believe in, but they 100 per cent believe in cuts. Their 48 pages of dodgy dot points contain one policy—a brand new cuts commission to deliver their \$10 billion of LNP cuts to jobs, services and our Big Build. It is interesting, isn't it, that that \$10 billion in cuts lines up with our \$10 billion health Big Build? It is concerning. It is no coincidence.

The member for Mudgeeraba reminded us of exactly what the LNP stand for with her recent puff piece when she said the LNP's record on health is something she aspires to. Queenslanders remember that record on health. They remember the Newman-Crisafulli LNP record of health cuts. They remember the neglect of health infrastructure. They remember the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre with tragic results. They remember the \$45 million cut out of mental health services for Queenslanders.

The member for Mudgeeraba went further. She insisted that doctors and nurses have nothing to fear under an LNP government. Queenslanders have heard that before and they saw the consequences—4,400 people marched out the door from their health jobs. Nurses, doctors and allied health workers took to the streets. The member for Chatsworth still says, 'We already know that we can prune things back.' In Pumicestone that idea of pruning things back gives people chills because we know that the LNP have our satellite hospitals on their Big Build hit list. The LNP in Pumicestone demanded that we build a private hospital instead of our 100 per cent free public hospital. Given the chance, we know that they will sell-off—they will privatise—our satellite hospital.

Then we had the member for Burnett open his mouth: 'It's time we broke the back of unrealistic employee entitlements.' This is the same bunch who set up the LNP's cuts commission. They sat around the Campbell Newman cabinet table deciding what to cut. Now they are boasting about their plans for more cuts. The LNP leader needs to stand up and apologise to the 4,400 health workers that he sacked. He needs to go down on his knees and beg for the forgiveness of the 731 nurses that he sacked in Metro North. He needs to apologise for putting our health Big Build in his firing line—but he

will not because, as they have said, the Crisafulli LNP opposition aspire to the Newman era. They want to cut services. They want to sack health workers. They want to sell off our healthcare system all over again. They have told Queenslanders what they believe in. They believe in cuts and Queenslanders are listening.

(Time expired)