



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): On behalf of the opposition, I would like to acknowledge the police officers injured in the line of duty yesterday.

This week was the reset, the refresh, the rehear. It crashed and burned: ministers not across their briefs; laughing at solutions; same faces, same talking points; same chaos of this government. This week in parliament we have seen: the minister who weakened youth crime laws eight years ago back as Attorney-General; the same minister who denied issues in the DNA lab now oversees fixing them; a renewed commitment to hide a CCC report about taxpayers funding Jackie Trad's legal bills; no commitment to getting ambulance ramping back down to the 15 per cent this government inherited or dealing with the elective surgery waiting list; hospitals stretched so far that hotels are being used for patients with a broken pelvis as the result of an accident; hundreds of state government owned homes left vacant during a housing crisis, many for over a year; and a government which on one hand says that parents should be responsible for the actions of their kids but takes no responsibility for the actions of kids in state care.

In the middle of it all is a Premier who goes missing when she is needed. Where is the Premier on the solutions we have put forward to the health crisis, the youth crime crisis, the housing crisis? Today, in a full-blown cost-of-living crisis, she could not even acknowledge the pain of rising electricity prices. The Queensland Competition Authority found that power went up 27 per cent in the final months of 2022. The most recent data showed power rose 32.5 per cent in Queensland for the March quarter, and today we learned they will go up another 21.5 per cent from July.

At a time when Queenslanders are struggling to keep the lights on, the government says they should be grateful. The ministers' contributions shows how out of touch they are. They promised prices would go down. Dozens and dozens of times they have gone up. Today, two years to the day since the explosion at Callide, there is still no map ahead on how it will be brought back online. The government said it would not impact prices; the Auditor-General called it out. Now every time Queenslanders open that bill they will know the pain that is being felt because the government cannot plan and deliver services. Electricity must be affordable, reliable and sustainable. This week we have seen the same chaos, the same crisis and the same excuses from a government seeking 14 years in office at the time of the next election.

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