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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (2.00 pm): It has been a fortnight to forget not just for a dysfunctional government but for a state that deserves so much better. It has been a fortnight of leaks, of undermining, of backstabbing from a government. It has been a fortnight of chaos and crisis. It has been a fortnight with a government that stopped listening a long time ago and stopped caring about anything other than themselves—a government with no vision that only acts when it is forced to. The latest is the decision to put a representative on the Sentencing Advisory Council. I called for it in my budget reply speech. The minister said it was unnecessary, and today finally a decision. It has been a fortnight when the government agreed to an independent investigation into two boys harmed across multiple agencies, across multiple ministers, across multiple years. For three years there has been a calculated cover-up that denied two boys justice for their treatment.

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, Treasurer! You are on the speaking list. You will have your chance.

Mr CRISAFULLI: Despite a royal commission, there is still no apology from either the Attorney-General or the former attorney-general. It is the latest example of a government that just wants to adopt our ideas and policies under pressure.

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members! Pause the clock. Members, the level of interjection is far too high. I will start to warn people and we are only 1½ minutes into the debate.

Mr CRISAFULLI: It is a government that constantly adopts our ideas and policies under pressure—the DNA lab, the Coaldrake inquiry, Caboolture Hospital, Mackay Hospital, learner licence fees, breach of bail. I say to the government—and, indeed, the Treasurer—steal more of our ideas, please, for the sake of Queensland! When it comes to health, within a hundred days release data in real time and put doctors and nurses back in charge. When it comes to youth crime, commit to rewriting the act and remove detention as a last resort. Do not slug victims when they are replacing numberplates and licences after being broken into or having their car pinched. When it comes to housing, commit to every cent in the Housing Investment Fund going to produce new stock to increase supply. When it comes to the cost of living, make a maintenance guarantee to keep the power plants operational.

The Premier promised today that she would listen. Yet all we got was a repeat of the same scare campaign and the same arguments time and time again from a government that after nine years could not even list achievements when the Premier was under siege from her own ministers and her own backbench.

We choose hope over fear. I say today to the tradie who went out this morning and their ute was not in their front yard, 'We will deliver more police and the laws they need to keep you safe.' I say to the ambulance officer on the Gold Coast who was crying because they had just been asked to do another shift, as reported in the media: 'Better resources and empowerment will be there for you in the future when this government, who no longer trusts you or has faith in you, is no longer in a position to do that to you.' We say to the investors leaving the housing market in Queensland: 'Don't give up on Queensland because we won't give up on you.'

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, Treasurer! You are on the speaking list next.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I know we have a Treasurer in this state who has caused great angst, who has constantly been at war with everyone. I say to those investors: 'Don't give up on Queensland because this is a great state. It is just under very bad management at the moment.'

The choice at the next election will be clear: a rabble of a fourth term government in a constant state of chaos and crisis versus a strong and united team, hungry and ambitious to serve Queensland; a government seeking 14 years in office not willing to admit the crises they have created versus a fresh and focused team that has the ability to listen and plan for the future; a Labor government desperate to scare Queenslanders one more time versus an LNP team offering hope over fear.