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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (11.33 am): I, too, rise to contribute to this debate. I was not going to this week, but I could not let that minister get away with some of the rot that he just talked about. Honestly, really, the broad-ranging debate that the minister just talked about was completely irrelevant to this motion that is before the House. Given that the minister was given such latitude by you, the honourable Acting Speaker, I figure that I should be granted the same latitude and talk about the incompetence of the Palaszczuk government. However, firstly, in relation to this motion debate, I have a prime example right in front of me why we are arguing against the Leader of the House's motion today. I thank the member for Condamine for alerting me to the fact that the bill that is on the *Notice Paper* was just handed around—

Ms Boyd interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take that interjection from the member for Pine Rivers. It is obvious that the member for Pine Rivers did not know about it either. The long title of the bill has just been amended. We are talking about changes to the Residential Tenancies Act in the Local Government Act that has just been handed around. Not only does the opposition not get time to review this; nor do the people of Queensland. It did not go through committee; it is not going to go through committee. There is no openness, no transparency. Hang on a minute, wasn't that what the Palaszczuk government was apparently elected on—openness and transparency? Goodness me, there is absolutely none! When you are given a green two minutes before the debate starts, that is not open and that is not transparent. That is exactly why the Palaszczuk government need to change the laws of this House back, to enable the opposition members to all have an opportunity to contribute.

The speaking lists and the times have already been determined by the honourable Leader of the House and the Manager of Opposition Business. That had already been determined yesterday. Where was the discussion around the amendment of the long title of the bill? All of a sudden, outside of the long title of the local government bill, we will now be talking about the rental caps and other things which no-one in this House has had an opportunity to read because it has literally just been given out to us here in this House.

The committee certainly would not have known about these last-minute changes. Who does know about this? I am quite sure the Labor backbench have no idea. Someone is in there now scrambling to have a look at the speaking notes which we are going to get from the Labor members of parliament, all verbatim, straight from their speaking notes. I bet someone is sitting in there typing madly away: 'Hang on a minute, we are not talking about local government anymore, we will be talking about whatever the amendments are that have just been handed around. It is outside the long title of the bill.' The Minister for Local Government is now saying, 'Hang on a minute. I have to clean up someone else's mess. That

is why we will slip in this amendment to this bill.' That is why we need more time to negotiate, to talk to our communities about what the Palaszczuk government is mucking up this time. Right now, who knows?

Mr Hart: Maybe the media teamed up together and decided to change things.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will take that interjection. Maybe the media team got together or maybe someone from the Premier's department did not want a minister to speak. I think it was the Minister for Transport who took a question today that I thought was hilarious, but anyhow. The Minister for Transport probably got a call from Shane Doherty from the Premier's department saying, 'Hang on a minute, which ministers do we not want to stand up together?' Is it the Deputy Premier that does not want to—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Oh, here we go!

Mr BAILEY: I find those comments offensive and ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): The minister has taken personal offence, member. Do you withdraw?

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I withdraw. It seems like I may have touched a nerve. Is it because we have the Minister for Transport trying to—I don't know—possibly think he can be the next Premier of Queensland? Is that what is happening here? We see some ministers with sneaky little smiles. Which minister knows? Is it the Minister for Water who should resign given that it is nine months since the minister said he was going to resign for—

(Time expired)