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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (2.45 pm): I was sitting here listening to members opposite—all of the backbench speakers and the assistant ministers—and I was thinking about the definition of a bad week, such as the health minister and the Premier have had this week. They also had a bad week the last sitting week and the one before that. For the health minister I thought I would google the definition of a 'bad week', and these came up: 'Don't let a bad week make you forget all the good things in your life' and 'A bad week is just a bend in the road and not the end of the road'.

I think last sitting week the health minister forgot about the bend in the road when she came in here and said, 'Hang on a minute! I am head of the left. I have to fix up what I'm doing in the House. I'm going to put a motion in the House. I'm going to move another motion. I've had a really terrible day so I'm going to move a motion.' Then she thought, 'I wonder what that motion could be about. It can't be about the health system in Queensland because we know that right now in Queensland that is very poor. It can't be about the record of the Palaszczuk government when it comes to the health system because that is abysmal. What can we do? We could talk about a government that has been in the wilderness for nearly a decade.' That is where the poor health minister has come to.

It has been a terrible week. We saw the member for Pumicestone thrown under the bus not once but probably two or three times in question time.

**Mr Langbroek:** They drove over her and then reversed.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I take that interjection. The poor member for Pumicestone was run over and then they reversed the bus and ran over her again. One has to wonder why. Obviously the member for Pumicestone made the Facebook post, but that is not what I am trying to get at here. My point is that the Premier threw her under the bus and then decided to throw the health minister under the bus. The health minister got up and tried to fix the problem by saying, 'I support the leader.' She said, 'I don't know what the Premier said but I want to be the premier so I'm going to support the Premier' and then knifed the left in the back. Who was run over again? It was the member for Pumicestone! It was then the turn of the Minister for Water and the question was pretty simple: is a desalination plant going to be built on Bribie Island or within the Pumicestone electorate? What did the water minister do? He looked over to his left colleague and thought, 'I'm sorry, but the health minister is having such a bad week that I'm just going to pile it on.'

We know that the Minister for Health is the wannabe head of the left, if she is not already. The Minister for Health wants to be the premier and that is why the Premier let her move this motion. It is an own goal by the health minister—and come in spinner, I say.