




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MOTION

Sunshine Coast

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (5.14 pm): It gives me pleasure to speak in support of the motion moved by the member for Maroochydore and to follow the worst police minister in history.

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

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): The level of interjection is so high that I doubt Hansard can hear the contribution from the member for Nanango, which is quite an achievement even for this chamber. You have a point of order?

Mr RYAN: I take personal offence and I ask that the member withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member has taken personal offence. I ask you to withdraw.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I withdraw. This minister has presided over some of the highest crime rates the Sunshine Coast has ever seen, yet the minister stands here saying that Labor is doing everything for the Sunshine Coast. Where is the heavy rail? Where has the Labor government been when it comes to infrastructure on the Sunshine Coast? When talking about the crises that are happening all across Queensland, the police minister says that he knows the Sunshine Coast because his parents live there. I am pretty sure his parents are saying, 'Come on, mate. Let's get with it.'

Mr RYAN: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. There has been some previous commentary, I think by you when you were Acting Speaker, around the appropriateness of members reflecting on family members of MPs.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I will hear the point of order in silence.

Mr RYAN: I am referring to a statement that you made previously, but also I take offence at the member's remarks and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: I will take some advice. I will take it in silence. Firstly, in relation to the commentary—and I believe it was commentary and not a ruling about the parliamentary nature of referring to family members—I would stand by that, but it is obviously the position of the Speaker to rule formally in relation to matters of that nature. I do think it is an area that we have to be careful does not tread into potentially unparliamentary behaviour. In any case, you have taken personal offence. I would ask the member to withdraw.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I withdraw. I cannot wait to talk to my husband, Jason, tonight and remind him of each and every minister who drags him into these debates whenever they feel like it! Don't you worry about that. I cannot wait to tell my husband that the Labor government are allowed to besmirch my husband—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members, there is an extreme amount of interjection. I realise that the subject matter is very personal for people here. That is why in the past I have said that this is an area that we should try to avoid. I do not believe it is parliamentary. I will start to warn people if the level of interjections continue.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: This is a government that is consistently more concerned with personal attacks than it is with fixing the problems of the state. We had to postpone debate of the Victims of Crime Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill so that they could waste an hour or two.

Let's talk about the desalination plant. The police minister raised the desalination plant. What is this government saying about a desalination plant? The government—without any business case and with no money, no budget and no plan for a desalination plant—has started announcing where the desalination plant is going to be. First it was going to be in the electorate of Pumicestone, on Bribie Island. Then the factional warfare started. The Premier said it might be there. The water minister said it might be on Bribie Island. Now the Deputy Premier has come out and said it is not going to be on Bribie Island.

Mr Hinchliffe interjected.

Mr Watts interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Sandgate and member for Toowoomba North, you are both warned.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: That brings us to today in the parliament. The water minister was asked about the location of the 'no business case, no plan, no budget' desalination plant for South-East Queensland. But having no budget, no plan and no business case, they know where it is. Who in the Palaszczuk government announced the latest plan for where the desalination plant will be? It was the Premier of Queensland. The Premier of Queensland—in spectacular scenes, I must say—gave confirmation of where the desalination plant will be. It will be in Kawana.

Then the Premier tried to talk herself out of Kawana. She said, 'It mightn't be in Kawana; it's likely to be in Kawana.' Which is it? We know there is no business case. This is the last sitting week of the year. When the Labor government decides to come off holidays and return to this chamber in early February next year, I bet they will say that the desalination plant will be in Caloundra. I am quite sure that they will say it will be in Caloundra. They think they have saved the member for Pumicestone, but still we do not trust the Labor government because the member could be in the wrong faction. The electorate of the member for Kawana is still the most likely place because the Palaszczuk government will go, 'Hang on a minute. We need to save the member for Caloundra.' And trust me, he needs saving on the sunny coast.

That is exactly why Kendall Morton is standing up to fight for the Sunshine Coast. Kendall Morton is fighting for Caloundra. She is standing up to fight for the turtles of Kawana and Caloundra. Now that the Premier has confirmed the 'no plan, no money, no business case' desalination plant for the Kawana electorate, the questions remain for locals: where will it be, where is the community consultation and, for goodness sake, when will the Premier announce details around the spending of \$8 billion of taxpayers' money? This is exactly why we need Queenslanders to show Labor the door in '24.