




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 **Mr MARTIN** (Stretton—ALP) (4.41 pm): When it comes to LNP priorities, each and every Queenslanders needs to fear. LNP priorities are very wrong. We see them walking into the chamber holding their document. We see them walking all around the precinct, usually with a forced smile on their face, looking like some sort of confused butler who has seen his boss do something awful. We on this side know that there is something very wrong with this document. The document is a bit light on. It does not have much substance—much like the LNP itself. It is very important that the people of Queensland know the plans the LNP are devising for average everyday Queenslanders, and this document does not make it clear.

It is concerning for people in my community. They want to know what the LNP are planning. One good example is to look at what other LNP politicians are doing. Everybody knows what Campbell Newman did when he was the premier just a few years ago. There were massive cuts, thousands of workers were sacked and assets were privatised—it was ruthless razor gang stuff. What have we seen recently? We have seen another example of what the LNP do when they are in power. Councillor Adrian Schrinner has cut millions of dollars from vital services, projects and jobs, which will undoubtedly impact my community. This is doubly bad, as the Calamvale ward is woefully underfunded. It is the only ward in Brisbane City that does not have a library and, sadly, this is because we have a councillor and Lord Mayor who is not focused on representing—

Ms Richards: Is that Angela Owen?

Mr MARTIN: It is Angela Owen. I take that interjection. They are not focused on representing our local area, instead their priorities are the typical LNP priorities of cuts and self-promotion. They have spent millions of newsletters and billboards, all as rates go up and services are cut. Parks like Col Benet Park and Lorikeet Park in Algester are neglected. They have old rusty barbecues, overgrown grass, no toilet blocks and no lighting. Recently, the Labor candidate for the Calamvale ward, Emily Kim, called out the LNP for their dangerous and dilapidated kids' playground at Lorikeet Park which, frankly, was a total dump. The LNP must be monitoring the candidate's Facebook page because only a couple of days afterwards, the entire kids' playground was completely removed. What did they replace it with? They replaced it with woodchips. They have covered the entire park with woodchips—another classic LNP strategy. Well done to Labor candidate Emily Kim. She is already standing up for the residents of the Calamvale ward. As she always says, 'It is time to put locals first.'

Members of my community have also been calling for important upgrades from the LNP council, but they continue to be ignored. They want traffic calming and they want better lighting, but, sadly, these massive LNP cuts mean less for our local community, not more.

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