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MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST

**Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games; Redlands Electorate,
LNP Candidate**

 **Mr BLEIJIE** (Kawana—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.17 pm): For a big announcement that has apparently come to nothing, the Labor Party spent a fair amount of time talking about it this morning. In fact, I think they spent all of the time for ministerial statements and question time talking about the LNP's right priorities for Queensland's future.

An opposition member: Thank you.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection. I thank the Labor Party for all the free publicity. They know they have no record to speak about. They do not have a positive record to speak about. One would think that, after nearly 10 years in office, they would be able to come in here, acknowledge the LNP's plans and say, 'This is what we have done for the past 10 years,' but no. This is the Labor Party's gutter politics. It is their attack politics. We will see a lot more of it in the next 12 months.

On the weekend, the Premier held a morning tea for all of her Facebook friends. There was a big sign that said 'Annastacia' and 'Spend time with the Premier'. It was very Oprah-istic. I was waiting for the Premier to say, 'You get a car! You get a car!'; 'You get a book! You get a book!' It was very much like that. They then posted the Premier's video, which is not about Queenslanders; it is all about the Premier. It is a very arrogant video, I might say, that she posted on her Facebook page. Interestingly, I looked at it a couple of hours ago. There were 132 comments on the Premier's own Facebook page but only 15 visible comments. One hundred and thirty-two comments had been made about the video but only 15 were visible. Two of those 15 were from Minister de Brenni and Treasurer Cameron Dick. Good on you, Premier, and well done! The Premier put up this very arrogant video and Queenslanders have had a say. Unfortunately, the Premier does not like what they are saying so the Premier's office is hiding 117 comments on the Premier's Facebook. In fact, there were more laughing emojis than love heart emojis on this Facebook post. This is not a media website, because that is a different kettle of fish. This is actually—

An opposition member interjected.

Mr BLEIJIE: I take the interjection. Queenslanders have worked out the Premier. She has checked out. She does not have time for Queenslanders. She is not interested. She is only interested in the red carpet and announcements. That is all she is interested in. The chaos and crisis of the Palaszczuk government continues. Only a few days ago we saw in a news article

Annastacia Palaszczuk's weakening grip on power in Queensland has slipped again, with news that her favoured candidate for the red-ribbon electorate of Ipswich West has been bounced out of the box seat by a union-preferred replacement ...

... union boss, Gary 'Blocker' Bullock, took an interest and gave the nod to his preferred candidate, the partner of long-standing ETU official, Stuart Traill.

Not even the Premier's hand-picked candidates can now survive, because Gary Bullock is making all of the decisions in Queensland. The article continues—

But Bullock's choice is also massively significant to the future of Premier Palaszczuk herself. When sudden fractures appeared in the Premier's leadership and she left the state for a period last month, nervous MPs expected Bullock to rally in support of the Premier.

No chance!

Finally, I want to thank the Redland community and Redlands candidate Rebecca Young, who had me out in that wonderful electorate a few weeks ago. We met with Gayle and Lindsay from Our Parking Spots in the Weinam Creek PDA. This is a massive issue for Southern Moreton Bay Island residents. The island residents do not have sufficient parking on the mainland. They have attempted to get the government and the council to fix this. It has not been happening. I thank Gayle and Lindsay for meeting with me to talk about these issues. I toured the area. I looked at all the parking spots. The PDA application that the council has handed over as trustees will not provide reliable, affordable or efficient parking for island residents on the mainland. Why do island residents need affordable and reliable parking? It is because they have to go to doctors, do their grocery shopping, visit family and friends and go to other appointments on the mainland. Why should they be denied? Why should Southern Moreton Bay Island residents be denied the reliable and affordable parking that other residents have on the mainland? I call on the state government to take an active interest in this and to fix it. Island residents need affordable parking. The government is planning only an extra 100 or so parking spots. It will not be sufficient for the island residents in that area. I thank the group and I thank Rebecca Young for taking this issue seriously, because the Labor Party has not.

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