



Speech By  
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 **Mr SULLIVAN** (Stafford—ALP) (4.53 pm): In listening to this debate, I reflect that in this House language matters. The previous speaker, the member for Glass House, began his contribution by saying, 'Here we go again.' When it comes to the Leader of the Opposition, here we go again: 'No forced redundancies. The Public Service has nothing to fear from me.' We heard it from Campbell Newman. We heard it from the member for Nanango. We heard it from the member for Clayfield.

I would particularly like to talk about the issue of outsourcing in the Public Service. The member for Clayfield was such a fan of outsourcing in the Public Service that he outsourced his own job to Peter Costello.

**Mr Head:** Fiona Hammond is going to be a fantastic member for Stafford.

**Mr SULLIVAN:** I take the member for Callide's interjection. It is really sad how she was treated. She was done over by her own party when the Lord Mayor thought she needed to go and had to be replaced. She was demoted from civic cabinet and then had to face a new member. I do feel for her and look forward to the upcoming election.

Just like the member for Clayfield outsourced to Peter Costello the plans to cut, sell and sack, now we hear from the Leader of the Opposition that he has a position, which is effectively to outsource Public Service sacking. He wants an independent commission so that he can do what the LNP do, which is to sack public servants but be at arm's length. That is clearly what their plan is. It is absolutely what their plan is.

I heard the member for Sandgate mention that the BCC have outlined a 10 per cent cut. I am going to talk about a local example where there is a 25 per cent cut. That is a particular intersection on Hamilton Road, which is a council road. The Queensland government has stepped in to try to do their job for them. It negotiated with the Prince Charles Hospital and provided funding. The 25 per cent cut was made in circumstances where we are trying to create safe entry and exit points for nurses, doctors and health workers to the Prince Charles Hospital. The 25 per cent cut that the Brisbane City Council introduced was to cut off 25 per cent of the intersection that would have actually produced an entry and exit to the hospital. You cannot make this up. That 25 per cent cut on a council road is an absolute disgrace to the staff, the patients, the visitors and the families who would otherwise enjoy a safer intersection. That is just one example of the ridiculous cuts that the LNP make at a city council level and that they have done at a state level, including 700 nurses cut in Metro North alone.