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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (4.34 pm): Before I begin my speech today, I would like to remind the House that it was those opposite, when they were in power, who reduced the funding for victims of crime. Let us not forget that for one moment. Opposition members can stand up and do all the virtue signalling they want, but that is what they did. I have listened to all of those who have spoken to the motion, but not one Brisbane member has stood up to defend the LNP Lord Mayor. I wonder if those opposite will run to see if they can get some other speakers up now. Quite frankly, Brisbane is very disappointed with the Lord Mayor.

I have been working really hard. You can imagine the sheer surprise and indeed dismay I felt to hear recently that the LNP city council are cutting \$400 million from their budget. I did do a double take, but, as my colleague the member for Greenslopes said, it is nothing to be really surprised about; it is in their DNA. We have seen it all before. In fact, in my own electorate we were punished by the LNP—by the Campbell Newman government and by the new man who is currently here as well.

What we saw in my electorate—I have spoken about it before and no doubt I will be howled down for raising it again—was punishment. My electorate's child safety office was closed. My department of housing office was closed. My bayside tenancy advice service was closed. The Caravan and Manufactured Home Residents Association was closed. Wynnum Hospital was closed and all the health services were gone. The Skilling Queenslanders for Work program was axed. Mental health services were closed. Perhaps most shameful and most disgraceful was that the Moreton Bay Nursing Care Unit was closed. Eighty-five residents lost their home, and they will not forget. My community will not forgive and they will not forget.

Some 14,000 public servants lost their job under the LNP. It is in their DNA. It was ridiculous to have to listen to the member for Toowoomba South say that he tried to have a reasonable conversation. He talked about a mature conversation. What does that mean? What does a mature conversation mean? Does it mean a bit of tough love? Does it mean a bit of pruning that we have all seen? Is that what he means? That is exactly what the member for Chatsworth has said. That is what the member for Burdekin has said. Fourteen thousand members of the Public Service lost their job, and my community will never forgive the LNP.