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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services) (2.22 pm): Well, well, well, the Leader of the Opposition chose the member for Kawana as his 2IC. If the member for Kawana is the second best MP on that side, the LNP is in deep trouble with the hyperventilating amateur thespian routines. If those opposite think that that is what the people of Queensland will have faith in at the next election, I can tell them that they have another thing coming. What I say to this parliament and to Queenslanders is this: when the LNP tells you it is going to cut, believe it, because that is what it is going to do, and it has been racking up a record this year. Those opposite think they have already won the next election. They are doing victory laps around Parliament House already and they are telling people inadvertently what their agenda is. We saw it first from the member for Chatsworth—

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, member for Chatsworth.

Mr BAILEY:—who said in April of this year—

... we know at the moment that if you look at the budget we've got areas that we've already identified a couple of billion dollars worth of savings.

That means cuts. He also said—

At the moment, there are a range of areas that we know already that we could prune things back.

That is what we know. That was the beginning of the LNP revealing its cuts agenda this year.

The member for Mudgeeraba said in her feature interview recently that she 'insists the Newman government's record on health is something she would again aspire to'. Those words will hang around the LNP's neck like an albatross because we know what happened last time. She also said that she was putting everybody on notice in the health department—words that will send a chill down the spine of every health worker in Queensland because they know the LNP has not changed. The same people over there are leading and filling the front benches. They have not changed. We then had the member for Burnett, who said that it is time we broke the back of unrealistic employee entitlements—that is, cut, cut, cut. That is what their agenda was and that is what it will be again.

Who are those opposite bringing in who is new? Amanda Stoker. Does anybody believe that if Amanda Stoker is going to attempt to be elected to this House and, if successful, not try to take choice off Queensland women? Does anybody believe that? I certainly do not. The Leader of the Opposition voted to keep abortion in the Criminal Code. That is the record of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition and most of the members of their team. The Leader of the Opposition also voted against voluntary assisted dying, something that is a compassionate human right in this state. We have to ask ourselves: what is the social agenda of the LNP with those coming into their team

who are on the far right? We know what is going to happen if they get the chance. They have no energy plan, they have no economic plan, they have no health plan. All they have is a commitment to nuclear power and a commitment not to coal royalties but to cut because there cannot be any other logical outcome. Their health plan has been revealed. They will cut like they did last time. What we see from this government is record investments and new hospitals all over the state, whether it is Toowoomba, Roma, Kingaroy or—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Resume your seat please. Member for Chatsworth, I have been asking you repeatedly to stop your interjections. You are now warned under the standing orders.

Mr BAILEY:—Moranbah. This government's agenda in terms of investment in health infrastructure for a booming population is very clear and Queenslanders understand that they will only get it under this government. One of the biggest revelations in the last few days is the former LNP member for Currumbin coming out and calling those opposite for what they are—a whingeing, whining, policy vacant zone. She would know. She knows them well. That is not this government speaking; it is the former LNP member for Currumbin who has nailed the Leader of the Opposition right down. What we see is a list, whether it is the member for Chatsworth, the member for Mudgeeraba, the member for Burnett or the former member for Currumbin. We see that their agenda is unfurling before our eyes.

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