




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (2.13 pm): I have to say that you have to feel for the poor Leader of the Opposition, do you not? There are a lot of reasons you have to feel for him, but I will give you one: two years and he has had one idea. One idea in two years. His one-point plan put 300 times. More than 300 times he has said we should bring back his one idea. You would think now that the government has found a way to implement his idea that will work—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Resume your seat. Deputy Premier, I know you were present for the previous speech. You are clearly anticipating debate on this bill. I will not tolerate it from any member, nor will anybody who is sitting in this chair.

Dr MILES: Thank you for your guidance, Mr Deputy Speaker. You would think those opposite would accept this bipartisan attempt to take the politics—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: No! Pause the clock. Deputy Premier, you will cease anticipating the bill or I will sit you down. You will move on.

Dr MILES: Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Bonney, you are warned.

Dr MILES: I am very happy to move onto other matters of the Leader of the Opposition's credibility because if he had the interest in integrity that he purported to have, then he would acquaint himself with the top two donors to the LNP because the second biggest donor to the LNP is a convicted fraudster, someone who took money, who took \$30,000 intended for flood victims in 2011. Someone who ran dodgy sausage sizzles in 2015 to raise money for disaster victims has donated \$240,000 to the LNP. It is possible even that some of those funds that the LNP received was actually donated and intended for flood victims. Then the Leader of the Opposition says he never heard of him. As conmen are known to do, he has some aliases, so it is possible that the Leader of the Opposition knows him by different names than those that have been used in the media. If the Leader of the Opposition had any credibility, he would return those funds to a reputable charity so that they could be distributed to actual flood victims, those for whom the funds were donated and raised for and should be contributed to. That is what you should do: deliver those funds to the flood victims. Take care of them in the way that this government is with the Resilient Homes Fund.

The Palaszczuk government's plans for Queensland are working. Our economic plan is delivering—

Opposition members interjected.

Dr MILES: They do not like to talk about unemployment or jobs. We have record low unemployment. We have record high exports. We have the biggest budget surplus in Queensland's history. The economy is booming. Thousands of people are moving to our great state for those jobs, for that economic activity and for our fantastic lifestyle.

We have a plan to bring manufacturing back to Queensland, creating jobs now. We have a plan to rebuild our hospitals, and there are hospitals being built now under our Health and Hospitals Plan. We have the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan, the most ambitious renewable energy plan of any Australian state. We see other states copying our plan. It will deliver more solar, more wind, more batteries and more jobs. We will create the manufacturing jobs and opportunities here so that we are not importing all of those materials. We are making large-scale batteries in Maryborough. Ninety-five per cent of the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan will be invested in regional Queensland, seeing us achieve our ambitious targets right in time for Brisbane 2032, the Olympic and Paralympic games. Again, we have a fantastic plan to deliver a climate-positive games, one that will create affordable housing; that will deliver new infrastructure and new facilities for budding Queensland athletes.