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Housing

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (6.25 pm): We have seen the usual personal attacks from the weak Leader of the Opposition. When he has nothing, he goes the ad hominem. He has a go at every single one of our ministers and occasionally has a bit of a swing at a backbencher or two. It is his standard issue because he knows that he has absolutely nothing. I am glad, though, to see that we have his support for our groundbreaking Homes for Queenslanders plan. Every point he listed from energising the community housing sector—that certainly seemed energised in the wake of the announcement of our Homes for Queenslanders plan—to building more social housing faster, to supporting people who are facing homelessness is included in our Homes for Queenslanders plan. I look forward to seeing the Leader of the Opposition's support our plan when the pieces of legislation related to it come before this House.

We absolutely know that Queenslanders are under pressure when it comes to housing. They tell us every day. We do not blame people for wanting to move to Queensland but it does create pressures on the system. Those housing pressures, as the Leader of the Opposition acknowledged, are right across the system and right across the country. That is why the Premier and Minister Scanlon have been putting absolutely everything on the table to provide more support to Queenslanders. We are listening, and we are on the side of Queenslanders. We are putting our money where our mouth is with an additional investment of \$3.1 billion investment right across the housing system.

I note that one of the Premier's first actions after his appointment was to visit people who are experiencing homelessness in Musgrave Park to help them to connect with services. Housing is tough, but we are working on every possible solution—from youth foyers to our housing big build and from building more module homes to our 20 per cent uplift in homelessness services. That is what Queenslanders deserve. What they do not deserve is a dirty duo of the Greens political party and the LNP teaming up to block Queenslanders getting into housing when they need it most.

In this House we see the Greens party in action. We see how they give wailing speeches about housing, then trot off home to their electorates to campaign against social and affordable housing in their own backyards, currying favour with their NIMBY donors. Who can forget the member for South Brisbane picketing a building site when new housing was being built because something about it did not tick her particular box? If you are in the Greens party, nothing says standing up for Queenslanders like standing in the way of workers who are trying to build more homes. Nothing says cynical politics like stopping people being able to obtain a new home by blocking the federal Help to Buy legislation which aims to get 40,000 people—including those from right across Queensland—into new homes.