




Speech By
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 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (2.35 pm): I have worked hard for the last five years to do what matters for my community, and that means making the case for a second Bribie Island bridge. My experience secured us the business case for our second bridge. To support that, I have made thousands of phone calls, attended public meetings, doorknocked and letterboxed. The result is our commitment that a re-elected Miles Labor government will build a second Bribie Island bridge.

The LNP have been very quiet about their plans for a second Bribie Island bridge. Just like all of their policies, the LNP leader is in hiding, refusing to come clean to Bribie locals. This is just like when he cut \$3 billion out of local road funding and sacked RoadTek workers. In his very first media conference as LNP leader, David Crisafulli walked back support for a new Bribie Island bridge and he has been silent ever since. Now the LNP are in hiding. They are hoping locals will not notice that they have not committed to build a second Bribie Island bridge. There are no details, no plans, no ideas—just like their student politician candidate. Only Labor will do what matters and build a second Bribie Island bridge.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! I realise the member is being provocative, but I still expect the House to maintain decorum and order.

Ms KING: Make no mistake: women's rights are also on the ballot paper this election. The LNP leader—that invisible man—is hiding his plan for abortion rights from Queensland women. I can never forget that the LNP leader voted against our right to choose. The LNP leader wants to be Premier but he voted for women to face up to seven years in prison for seeking essential health care. He voted for doctors and nurses to risk prosecution. He voted for women to be harassed by far-right groups outside clinics. Their shadow health minister called abortion 'brutal' and 'not appropriate'. Compare that to Premier Steven Miles, who as health minister took abortion out of our Criminal Code after 120 years. In fact, almost every LNP member voted against a woman's right to choose.

Mrs Gerber interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Currumbin, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms KING: Those LNP blokes want to shame women. They want to strip our rights and control our bodies. They are so out of touch with what matters to Queensland women. At the 2020 election, the LNP promised to roll back Queensland women's abortion rights.

Mr Lister interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Southern Downs, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms KING: The LNP supported hateful far-right groups to cover our election booths in photographs of dead babies.

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Bonney, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms KING: Elderly women came to me in tears they were so distressed by the LNP's actions. Amanda Stoker, their next attorney-general, attends anti-abortion rallies and calls women murderers. Then this year they voted against women in their own communities having extended rights to safe abortion care. Queensland women are appalled by the LNP. They know that only Labor will support a woman's right to choose.

(Time expired)