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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (3.37 pm): A bit like the member for Currumbin, I stand here gobsmacked at how those opposite try to rewrite history. In the former member for Inala, we are talking about someone who sat around the cabinet table under the Bligh government and sold Queensland's assets, including Forestry Plantations Queensland in my electorate, and who sat around the cabinet table under the Bligh Labor government as the minister for transport in starting the process that saw Downer excluded from any contract to be awarded around the manufacturing of trains. How they try to rewrite history!

As the member for Currumbin clearly spelled out, the crime crisis we currently face began under her watch because of changes made to the Youth Justice Act in 2015 and 2016. It was under the former member for Inala's watch as premier that we had police leaving in droves—far faster than any government can recruit new police officers.

As premier she allowed the now Premier, the then health minister, to start the decline of the health system—a health system rebuilt by Lawrence Springborg, the former member for Southern Downs. It was trashed within nine years and has gone beyond anything that Bligh would call a basket case, with ambulance ramping the way it is. The former premier did not oversee the now Premier as minister for state development and planning in terms of the lack of development and housing that has created the housing crisis. I am sorry: I cannot look at her track record and commend it to this House.