



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Housing**

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (6.20 pm): The year 2024 sure feels a lot like 2023. It is the same bad stunts, the same faces that have delivered the same chaos and crisis, and a very bad government. The only thing that has changed is they have all moved up one in the pecking order. They come in with the same nonsense that we have seen time and time again.

There is a reason the housing minister has come in here today to speak about the speech at the media club—because nobody heard it. It was drowned out. I will tell members why it was drowned out. It was drowned out because of 'jobs for mates'. It was drowned out because of a failure to have any form of compliance in the way the Public Service should run. It was drowned out because of an unspeakable tragedy because of a youth crime crisis that is running through this state. That is why—despite all the bluff and bravado—the housing announcement fell flat. It fell flat because Queenslanders have heard it all before. They have heard announcements to fix the youth crime crises, and they have got worse. They have heard announcements to fix the health crisis, and it has got worse. They have heard announcements to fix the housing crisis, and it gets worse.

**Mr Brown** interjected.

**Mr Minnikin** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Order! Members for Capalaba and Chatsworth!

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** You know that there is a problem with the argument when the first thing the minister says is that 'this is a nationwide problem'. When you constantly try to defend that it is everywhere else, you never look in the mirror and see what you can control. Here are a few things that the minister could do rather than asking about a parliament many hundreds of kilometres away to the south and talking about a government that has not been in power for over a decade. Here are some things the minister could do.

**Mr Brown** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** The member for Capalaba is warned under the standing orders.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** The minister could unlock the land supply this government has starved the state of for the last decade. The minister could find a way to energise the housing sector in this state. Queensland is the only state in the last decade where there are fewer community houses today than 10 years ago. The minister could find a way to deliver social housing on time and on budget because, despite all the announcements, the figures are clear. That is that, over the course of this government, they have added just 220 extra social homes per year. That is an abject failure.

I know that this government might want to try to find all manners of other people to point the finger at, but that is a pretty long lead way. When you have a decade to fix the problems that you believe are there and they compound, something must change. I hear the minister talk about Indigenous communities. Let me tell you a little fact about Indigenous communities: there has been \$1 billion spent in social housing, and the number of properties have gone backwards. How can you look our First Nations people in the eye when there is less housing? How can you talk about hope, opportunity and the ability for young people in Indigenous communities to go to school when there is tragic overcrowding because this government has delivered less housing? It has gone backwards.

**Ms Scanlon:** It is not true.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** I take the interjection from the housing minister who says it is not true and ask her to read the Auditor-General's report and to read the question on notice. Unfortunately for the minister, her record is on display. The LNP has a vision for this state where home ownership matters, where social housing matters and where community housing matters. We intend to make sure that all elements are part of the puzzle because at the moment there is a feeding frenzy in the property market. It is created because of failures across all of the things that this government controls: failure to release enough land; failure to get the community housing sector energised and happening in this state as we have seen in other states; and a failure to deliver social housing on time and on budget.

The minister can come in here and attempt to hit refresh, but, in the end, Queenslanders have seen this playbook for 10 years. They have seen announcements, they have seen reshuffles, they have seen rehearsals and they have seen re-announcements. In the end, it is the same bad government. Queenslanders sleeping rough know it. Queenslanders wanting to own a home know it. In October Queenslanders can change it.