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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (5.47 pm): They can run but they cannot hide. What are they doing? They are just running away from their brand. I will bring this back to what this debate is about, and that is data harvesting, because all of those members are too embarrassed to look after their own constituents by going and asking them: what is going on in Queensland? We on this side of the House know exactly what is going on in Queensland. We have a government that is in complete crisis. We have a government that is in complete shambles. We have a Premier who is running away from his own Labor brand.

To see this, you only needed to be at the Brassall booth on the weekend in Ipswich West. I was there along with my husband and a heap of other people handing out how-to-vote cards or trying to vote when in comes the Premier. Was the Premier loud and proud in red? Was the Premier loud and proud saying, 'Vote Labor' or 'Vote for our candidate'—I cannot recall her name. Do you know what he did? He snuck in around the back. He was wearing a blue shirt and blue pants. He did have a maroon cap on. I will say that. It was not an LNP cap but it may as well have been. He was trying to blend in with us so much that my husband ran about 50 miles to not get in any photos with him.

There were a few Labor people there trying to hand out how-to-vote cards. They were wearing red shirts—not the Premier, because he is running away from the brand. The most telling thing was that when one of the people handing out how-to-vote cards for Labor yelled out down the big line of people, 'Who would like a photo with the Premier?' there was deathly silence—not one.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will take that interjection—not even the booth workers. Labor booth workers were turning their shirts inside out. They can run but they cannot hide. Let's remember what happened on the first day back here after that thrashing they got on the weekend. The Premier actually did stand up and made a ministerial statement for a couple of minutes, and then all of the ministers who were so busy leaking to the media—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Member, I am just now struggling to see how that is relevant to the motion. I gave you some latitude, but I would ask you to come back to the motion.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you very much, Mr Deputy Speaker, but I was on a roll and it was all around—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Time to get off the roll.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Mr Deputy Speaker, I am going to take you back to the trust issues we had with those members on the other side who are running away from their brand. They are completely debranding. They are only standing up for the purple union. All of the ministers who are members of

the Together union were sitting there ready to go with their ministerial statements. Oops! 'No, we're too embarrassed because we're too busy leaking to someone about what's going on in cabinet.' When I thought about it, maybe the Together union is trying to overtake the whole lot of them because they are trying to batten down and work out how many seats are going to be left.

I was thinking: would the member for Hervey Bay think he is going to be the leader? Then I thought no, because David Lee is going to come in and look after the people of Hervey Bay. I did hear the member for Caloundra. My goodness me! The member for Caloundra is in a world of pain, because bring in Kendall Morton! Kendall Morton is someone who is out there listening to her community. She is a pocket rocket—absolutely a true champion. I know that the member for Pumicestone had to go to her community to ask, 'Do you want desalination on Bribie?' I can tell you who does not want desalination on Bribie, and that is Ariana Doolan. Bring on Ariana in Pumicestone! I note that the member for Maryborough is very quiet right now—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member, you are nowhere near the motion or the amendment. I would ask you to come back to the motion and the amendment.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: The members I am naming right now are so embarrassed about going out to their community to find out what is wrong with their community. I can tell you what is wrong with the community right now—

Mr Saunders interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Maryborough!

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

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: One of the issues affecting Queenslanders is the cost of living, with electricity prices going up three times the national average. We also have the housing crisis, the health crisis and the crime crisis, which is driving up people's insurance. These are the issues that we on this side know all about. Unfortunately, all of those members are running and hiding from the Labor brand. They are huddling in and trying to work out how they are going to save their seats. We need to show Labor the door in '24!