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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (2.49 pm): When it comes to talking about Central Queensland, we only have to look at this list of names: John Barounis for Maryborough, Bree Watson for Bundaberg, David Lee for Hervey Bay, Donna Kirkland for Rockhampton, Nigel Hutton for Keppel and Glen Kelly for Mirani. They are names of people who are working. When you talk about Central Queensland and the failures of the Palaszczuk-Miles government, have a look at the Bruce Highway. The Bruce Highway is in such a terrible state that our own Premier will not even drive on it. He gets in a luxury private jet and flies 11 minutes. He stays off the Bruce Highway because he is so nervous about driving on it, so he gets in that jet for 11 minutes to go from Hervey Bay to Bundaberg. What did he do in Bundaberg? He probably did not even buy the cake from a local baker. He gets a dodgy mud cake for the member for Bundaberg—

Mr Saunders: From Woolies.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Oh, there we go. I take that interjection from the member for Maryborough. Apparently he bought it at Woolies. He did not even support a local baker.

Mr Saunders interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Resume your seat, member for Nanango. Member for Maryborough, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will just finish what the member for Callide was interjecting in the last speech. What did he say? He said, 'This is all Labor did. They blow up power stations and they rip down dams.' I will add another one to that. What about building a pipeline without any electricity attached? The pumping stations now have to have big diesel generators put in because the power was not connected. What about the water treatment plant? We know that water has to be treated but how are they going to do it? I will say it will be a big diesel generator. This is a government that is all talk and no action.

We know that this is a desperate government. I will go to the member for Bulimba and what she was talking about. I would like to remind the member for Bulimba about her Channel 7 interview. The member for Bulimba was asked, 'What do you say to Queenslanders worried about crime?' For a full 10 seconds—a full 10 seconds—the member for Bulimba was completely lost for words. They have no plan and no answers. The only way to change Labor's inaction is to change the government on 26 October. We will then have a government led by the member for Broadwater, David Crisafulli, delivering the following: our Making Queensland Safer Laws in before Christmas; the removal of detention as a last resort; Adult Crime, Adult Time; victims rights with victims put first; and, of course, \$175 million to the Staying on Track program.

In the short time I have left, I have to mention the member for Waterford and that absolute train wreck of an interview. I have never seen anything like it. The government has not even lost yet and the member for Waterford is already putting her stake in the ground. Just wait until after October. The member for Waterford wants to follow both Annastacia Palaszczuk and me as the next female opposition leader in Queensland. It was very obvious that the member for Waterford had not even spoken to the current Premier. She said—

I was disappointed that she anointed Steven ...

She then doubled down, referring to Annastacia Palaszczuk by saying—

It was disappointing that she felt she had to weigh in on that.

I dare say there were many disappointed people on that side. It was not just the member for Miller who was very disappointed that the member for Gaven was the biggest supporter of the current Premier because it was the member for Miller and the member for Keppel who actually jumped on board the Waterford train to be the next premier of Queensland. I am not sure if the members for Keppel and Miller are going to keep their seats, but if they do then the member for Waterford has those two little votes stitched up. I am not quite sure about the member for Gaven because bring on Bianca Stone in the seat of Gaven! There is someone who actually cares about getting people out of tents and into homes. That is exactly what Bianca Stone will do. We need to show Labor the door in '24.