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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (2.07 pm): On 26 October this year Queenslanders will have a choice. They will have a choice between a decade-old, tired Labor government and a side of government that has the right priorities for Queensland, which is exactly what the LNP has. As the Deputy Leader of the Opposition said, Queenslanders have the right to ask whether their lives are better or worse after a decade-long Labor government. It is obvious that they are worse. We are in the middle of a cost-of-living crisis. The Leader of the Opposition talked about this cost-of-living crisis over four years ago, yet this government has gone headlong into this election without any plan to help Queenslanders. The LNP does have a plan. We want to address issues such as the increasing cost of electricity. It has risen 20 per cent in the last 12 months—three times the national average. It is the highest in the nation. That is an absolute disgrace. The reason those electricity prices are through the roof is that our coal-fired power stations are offline. The government knows it. It needs to get its act together and get them going.

Water security is a massive issue that this government does not have a plan for. Crime is through the roof, and this increases the insurance costs for everyday Queenslanders. When people's cars are getting stolen, their homes are getting broken into and, God forbid, they are having to put deadlocks on their bedroom doors, it is no wonder insurance companies are putting up premiums. The Labor government in this state is a disgrace. People are struggling with the cost of living. They are living in tents under bridges. They cannot put a roof over their head. This supposedly new Premier basically says, 'I am the new Premier,' and then channels Marie Antoinette and says, 'Let them eat cake.' He uses a luxury private jet in an area of Wide Bay that has some of the highest crime rates in the nation and one of the worst national highways. People are losing their lives on that part of the Bruce Highway and this Premier gets in a luxury private jet to deliver a cake to a mate. Queenslanders have had enough. Queenslanders have seen through this incompetent, decade-long Labor government. Queenslanders are hurting. Their cost of living is through the roof, crime is through the roof, health is a debacle and the only way to change that is to get rid of this mob.