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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.55 pm): Elections are a contest of ideas but importantly a contest of leadership. This week we have witnessed strong leadership from Premier Miles—listening to the people of Queensland. Whether they speak via the ballot box, on the doorstep or at community events, he listens and he is taking action on issues that matter—cost of living, housing, community safety and health care. He is strong enough to listen to the people of Queensland and prioritise cost of living over new stadiums. What of the alternative? We have witnessed leadership that could only generously be described as weak by the Leader of the Opposition. Like nearly 70 per cent of the people in my community who voted ‘yes’ in last year’s referendum, I was shocked when the Leader of the Opposition backflipped on his vote in this parliament on the Path to Treaty.

Ms Pugh: Shame.

Mr KELLY: I will take that interjection—shame, indeed. Many would describe that behaviour as weak. It continued, as displayed in that great interview with Bill McDonald when the Leader of the Opposition was unable to form a position on the Olympic stadium. When it comes to displaying weakness, the Leader of the Opposition is truly a team player. His 2IC, the member for Kawana, a former attorney-general, had his attempts to get a matter referred to the Ethics Committee struck down because he did not even attempt to make out the elements that are required to demonstrate that someone has misled the parliament. A lawyer and a former attorney-general could not even do that. I am not a lawyer, but there are only three elements. Those weak legal skills were on display again in last night’s dissent motion.

Let us go to the member for Toowoomba South, aspiring weekly to be the treasurer. He is clearly too busy pandering to the Queensland Resources Council to bother thinking up any questions for the actual Treasurer, with not a single question since estimates last year—nada, zip, not a one. As for the member for Mudgeeraba, she is the only nurse in this chamber who voted against safe nurse-to-patient ratios. I know that all nurses would think that is very weak behaviour. The member for Maroochydore, who is the self-proclaimed doyen of integrity, remains weakly silent after all the claims she and the Leader of the Opposition made about a certain laptop proved to be false.

Mr Stewart: Where’s the apology?

Mr KELLY: Where is the apology? How could anyone forget the weak efforts by everyone’s favourite COVID party boy, the member for Toowoomba North. My neighbour the member for Chatsworth demonstrated why he should never be the transport minister when he slammed the placement of a speed monitoring device in a school zone. I know most people in my community think it is pretty weak if you think you should speed near school students. Being worried about the number of women on government boards is also pretty weak-minded, and that is just what the member for Everton did when he took a break from yelling over women in this place. The member for Burnett apparently has the strength to break the back—

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