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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (8.12 pm): I think this debate and the previous debate demonstrate very clearly that we have a very lazy, weak, tired, out-of-touch opposition that has run out of opposition ideas to opposition with. We used to get an A speech and a B speech, but now we only get an A speech and it is not a very good A speech. I would probably give it a B, to be honest. Their speechwriters cannot even come up with two versions of a speech. You have to search really hard to find that original voice. You have to work really hard. They come to life when they are not on their feet but when they get to their feet it is just: 'Blah, blah, blah. Here's the words that have been put in front of me.' They have plenty to say when they are not on their feet but they have nothing to say when they are on their feet. However, sometimes, if you listen and you work, you can find the original voice and something to rebut.

I will start with the member for Mermaid Beach, who said that this bill is not a panacea. I agree because this is not the only thing that we are doing in relation to housing. It is one of many things that we are doing in relation to housing. Just today in the budget changes to stamp duty were outlined and, of course, our Big Build will mean we will be building more social housing. This is not the only thing that we are doing. I say to the member for Mermaid Beach that no-one has ever suggested that there would be one silver bullet fired to solve all of the problems in relation to housing. This is one of many things that we are doing.

The member for Whitsunday asked why we did not act on this 10 years ago. Ten years ago we had to solve a very different crisis. It was an LNP crisis. When we came to power we did not have a housing crisis. Ten years ago we had an LNP crisis. Thousands and thousands of public servants had been sacked. We had no infrastructure built.

Mr Crandon: You knew the people were coming and you cancelled the initiatives.

Mr KELLY: Again, they have plenty to say when they are not on their feet but when they are on their feet they just read the speech written by the speechwriter.

Mr Crandon interjected.

Mr KELLY: I wish they had had this much to say when they were on their feet.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Lister): I am sorry to interrupt you, member for Greenslopes, but please take your seat. Member for Coomera, your interjections are not being taken and they are disorderly. Please desist.

Mr KELLY: Ten years ago we had an LNP crisis and that is the crisis that we responded to. No infrastructure was being built in the state except for 1 William—a big building for themselves. Lots of public servants were sacked and lots of people were unemployed. What has happened to unemployment rates? We now have a skills shortage. Of course, there was no action on climate change and now we see serious action on climate change.

Wasn't it great to see Colin Boyce, the former member for Callide, on *Four Corners* last night? Wasn't that a stellar performance by the former member and a former candidate for the Greens? What a duo comedy act it was last night.

This bill will do something that the Greens do not seem to understand. It will increase housing supply in our state. If you increase housing supply in our state then you make it more affordable for people to either buy or rent a house. That is the key point that I want to make in relation to the bill. The member for South Brisbane was absolutely irrelevant when speaking to the bill. She talked about everything but the bill. When someone comes up with an idea about how to get more housing into her community, does she welcome or support it? No! She says that it is a bad idea. Just today in the Brisbane City Council, the LNP administration put forward an idea for the Stones Corner precinct renewal project. The Greens did not even take a position but abstained, demonstrating once again that they do not have courage. They have plenty to say but they do not have any real ticker when it comes to delivery and implementation. With those few words, I commend the bill to the House.