




Speech By
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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (5.21 pm): If this motion does not demonstrate clearly to all Queenslanders how bereft the opposition are of ideas then nothing ever will. We just heard from the member for Everton and the member for Kawana. Anybody tuning into this session has just seen the LNP on their best day. This is their biggest contest of ideas.

Let's talk about colours. Oh, my goodness! I quite like pink. Just so that you all know, pink is one of my favourite colours. My car is stickered in pink, with my logo and all of that. They talk about colours. Seriously, is that the best you have to bring to this place? If that is what you think Queenslanders are concerned about, honestly, go away, have a good hard look and come back. We have just heard the member for Kawana and the member for Everton—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Comments will come through the chair.

Ms RICHARDS:—talk about data harvesting. Let us talk about their Redlands candidate, who has put up a beautiful little petition that is all about data harvesting. She went to the front door of the Redland Hospital, but maybe she forgot to walk around the back to see where the intensive care unit, with 37 extra beds, is well under construction by ADCO Construction. She might have seen the new Lagoon Ward that has an extra 28 beds. Do not talk about data harvesting! Queenslanders are not fools but you take them for fools every day of the week. Quite frankly, this motion is a genuine waste of time.

Mrs Frecklington: Well, at least talk to it.

Ms RICHARDS: I take that interjection from the member for Nanango. I will talk about supporting organisations that want to listen to my community about the issues that matter most. We talk about cost of living because every Queenslander is feeling the pinch at the moment. I am very happy to support any organisation that wants to listen to my community and hear what approaches and options are available to deliver better for Queenslanders, such as those that build on our energy rebates and our energy-efficient appliance rebates.

We can go to the Redlands and talk to Alan, who just bought a new energy-efficient washing machine for his wife. That is what Queenslanders want to hear about. We can talk to any of the families in the Redlands who are really thrilled to be getting free kindy. That is what Queenslanders want to talk about. We can talk about free TAFE or Skilling Queenslanders for Work, which the LNP cut. As the member for Toowoomba South will tell us, past performance is the best indicator of future performance. We know what your past performance looked like. It is clear on the public record what the LNP's past performance looked like.

I am absolutely proud of the work that our government is doing to support Queenslanders in really challenging times with the cost of living. So many Redlanders are absolutely thrilled with the cost-of-living rebates and concessions that we provide to seniors. When I talk about our seniors I think

of the Donald Simpson Centre. The people there love the rebates and the concessions they get. They also love the fact that the Miles government supports them to be connected, enjoy each other's company and not be socially isolated. The great work that the Miles government is doing to deliver for Redlanders is second to none. I am extraordinarily proud to stand behind anybody who wants to come, talk with and listen to Redlanders about the cost of living. I see the Leader of the Opposition with his head down at the moment.

Opposition members: Oh!

Ms RICHARDS: It was down then. There has never been more work done in the Redlands. They talk about past performance. I will talk about my past performance every day of the week. In our schools we have delivered air conditioning—2028 was the LNP's promise and we are all done and dusted in the Redlands. Every student has air-conditioned classrooms in what has been a really hot summer. We have delivered \$11 million for the new Redland District Special School. We have delivered for the high school. We are delivering a new kindy building at the Russell Island State School that will have six new classrooms. There is the satellite hospital. I looked at the dot points or the spin lines, because slogans are what the LNP do, right? Spin a slogan is what they do best. I am telling you: come out and have a look at all the great works that are happening with the satellite hospital.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Direct your comments through the chair.

Ms RICHARDS: I get tapped on the shoulder every day of the week by people telling me how good that satellite hospital is. You guys will most likely sell it off. That is the LNP.

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