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## MOTION

### Women and Girls' Health Strategy

 **Ms ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (6.12 pm): It is interesting to follow the member for Maroochydore, the Minister for Women, who every day thinks she can just say 'women's rights' and that will cover the whole thing. That is basically her argument; it is what she says all the time.

I honestly thought that the Liberal National Party might have learned some lessons from the dreadful mistakes of the Newman days when, after just one term, they squandered a record majority basically because they could not get out of the way of their own arrogance, their incredible level of hubris and their inability to balance their ideology with the needs of Queenslanders. I doubt the thousands of public servants who lost their jobs, the hundreds of non-government organisations many of which are fundamental to the progression of women's rights in this state but were gagged and saw their funding cut, the families of the children who were impacted by the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre, the LGBTIQA+ community—in fact, any Queenslanders—I cannot imagine that they would have thought there could be a worse LNP government than the Newman LNP government. However, what we have seen in the first sitting days of the 58th Parliament is that the Crisafulli LNP government has basically picked up where Newman left off and gone even further.

We are only in our third parliamentary sitting day and already Premier Crisafulli and his government have attacked the most vulnerable people in our state. They have gagged every member of this parliament because the LNP backbench cannot be trusted. In an unprecedented move, they have trashed democratic conventions to do exactly that.

It has been fascinating to see some of the Facebook comments that are on the pages of a number of government members opposite around what happened yesterday. This is of great interest. All members should have a good look at this. Go and have a look at the member for Oodgeroo's Facebook page and see some of the comments on there. Her base are not very happy—not very happy at all—about a government being gagged, about a parliament being gagged.

We heard throughout the election that the Premier said—and we have heard this already tonight—that leadership is about knowing your team. Given his unprecedented move to fetter the role of every member of parliament and prevent every one of us from fully representing our constituents in this House, he obviously knows them all too well. He knows they want to roll back a woman's right to choose and, given the opportunity, they would vote to make abortion a crime in this state once again. We know that because they explicitly told us that. Specifically, there were two LNP members who made the clarion call when they suggested during the campaign that the current abortion laws needed to be repealed or revised. Of course, we have heard what the member for Scenic Rim said to a church forum about wanting more anti-choice candidates to be endorsed so they could repeal the abortion laws. Guess what? The Premier and the LNP hand-picked a whole array of anti-choice candidates, a number of whom are sitting in the House right now.

**Mr Lister** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Southern Downs, another outburst like that and you will be warned.

**Ms ENOCH:** Tony Perrett, the member for Gympie, proudly voted against the laws and said, 'I'll continue to do that.' Let's not get started on the multiple anti-choice candidates who were caught out telling voters at polling booths that they would vote to criminalise a woman's right to have control over her own reproductive health, including, I have to say—

**An opposition member** interjected.

**Ms ENOCH:** Yes, that is right—the LNP candidate for Stretton and the LNP candidate for my electorate of Algeester were very open about the fact that they were very much anti-choice. Of course, on this side of the House we are proud to support women's reproductive rights, and we are not afraid to talk about it. We know that our team will overwhelmingly vote to protect the rights of women in this state. We are proud of our team's record in this space. We have heard about the \$1 billion that has been put to the Women and Girls' Health Strategy. It is a strategy that was developed and co-designed with 12,000 Queensland women and girls. Of course, it is a strategy that looks at all of these really important services for women and girls. We already know that the LNP have been talking about cutting back very important services that make a difference and that were part of the Women and Girls' Health Strategy.

The Premier and those opposite—the government—have promised a fresh start. What we have seen so far from this Premier is far from fresh. It, in fact, stinks; it absolutely reeks. This side of the House, the Labor opposition, will continue to fight for the rights of women every single day.

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