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 **Ms ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (2.30 pm): Leadership literature says that leadership and culture are regarded as two sides of the same coin. Culture defines the beliefs and values shared in a team, and the way the leader behaves and communicates is a reflection of those values. If the first parliamentary days of the Crisafulli LNP government are any indication of the culture and leadership of his government, then what Queensland can look forward to for the next four years is one very bad penny—a penny that keeps turning up to trash the conventions of this place, to fetter the role of duly elected members of this parliament, to attack the most vulnerable in our community and to do it all through a culture of arrogance and hubris.

The very first parliamentary day of the Crisafulli LNP government is when we saw the first signs of this 'bad penny' government. After the Premier said he would approach the cutting of the Path to Treaty Act with decency and respect, we saw the complete opposite. He decided to rush through changes with little to no notice and allocated just four hours on the same day for the House to debate. There was no opportunity for a committee to interrogate the legislation to maybe provide some alternative views, or to perhaps even help find a way whereby certain aspects of the act could be kept to support the government's own work. They say that they want to close the gap when they fundamentally junked the very thing that would meet the priority reform area 1, formal partnerships and shared decision-making.

To have the member for Maroochydore, the minister responsible for this act, rub salt into the wound by not even paying the most basic of respects by picking up a phone or turning up for a meeting shows exactly the kinds of values and beliefs this 'bad penny' LNP government are espousing. For the member for Maroochydore to run and hide, to duck and cover, on such a significant piece of legislation proves that the minister lacks the courage and the fortitude for the job. Why did the Premier's hand-picked minister not meet with the chair of the inquiry or the members more broadly to make clear her decisions? How will the minister frame her relationship with key stakeholders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities—she is the minister responsible for that area—when she has trashed the reconciliation journey in this state? She has a huge job ahead of her, and already she has turned her back on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people by supporting this incredibly cruel, politically cruel, way in which they cut the Path to Treaty Act.

If leadership and culture are indeed two sides of the same coin then, just like a bad penny, the Crisafulli LNP government is looking like the unpleasant and unwanted thing we all want to avoid.