




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Leader of the Opposition

 **Mr BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (2.52 pm): Hasn't the wind disappeared from the opposition's sails over the last month including during this week? It has been a lacklustre week from a weak leader, the member for Broadwater. What did we see during Women's Week? We saw the member for Coomera invading the privacy of a woman member of parliament, and what did the Leader of the Opposition do when—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock. Resume your seat. I want to take some advice. Member, you have referred to a matter that is currently before the Ethics Committee. I would ask you to withdraw that. As a general warning to all members, if anybody else refers to a matter before the Ethics Committee while I am in the chair, I will be issuing an automatic warning.

Mr BAILEY: I am happy to withdraw and I certainly apologise. What we saw from the opposition leader was no mettle, no leadership and no action whatsoever. We see the Sunshine Coast direct line with \$4.3 billion in commitments from this government and the federal Labor government after zero dollars were committed by the coalition governments over nine years. They left the Sunshine Coast behind. What do we see under Labor? We see a huge commitment to make that line happen. The opposition leader went out and promised the whole line, except he forgot one thing. The weak leader forgot only one thing: to lock in his own party.

Mr Minnikin interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Chatsworth. Your interjections are not being taken.

Mr BAILEY: He forgot to lock in Peter Dutton. There we have it: the federal LNP do not support the Leader of the Opposition when it comes to his commitment. It blew up in his face. He is a weak leader who cannot even get his own party to support him on his announcements. It is the same populist nonsense we saw under Campbell Newman, who we know he said was special.

Mr Head interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Callide is warned.

Mr BAILEY: Today we debated the health bill, which deals with—

Mr Millar interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Gregory is warned.

Mr BAILEY:—midwife-to-patient ratios and increasing access to choice for regional, rural and remote women, and the LNP will vote against it. They say they are for the regions, but the Leader of the Opposition is leading them into voting against that. I will be interested to see how the members for Chatsworth and Clayfield vote on a bill that is about choice. It is about choice. Will they vote with their conscience or with their party?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. I will take some advice. Member for Miller, you are very close to anticipating a debate. I would ask you to move on in your contribution.

Mr BAILEY: Certainly. I am happy to do so. The list of debacles of the opposition is long. We see the debacle of the opposition preferencing One Nation—

Mr Millar interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Gregory, you are on a warning. You can leave the chamber for one hour.

Whereupon the honourable member for Gregory withdrew from the chamber at 2.56 pm.

Mr BAILEY: We see the Leader of the Opposition preferencing One Nation, a party known for racism, and supporting a candidate who has been exposed on Channel 9 as not living at the address he claims to be. We see this sort of dodgy behaviour. What we see from the Leader of the Opposition is no policy, no costings, no strategy, no revenue planning and no management of the opposition team. What we see is a weak leader. I can tell honourable members one thing: Queenslanders never vote for a weak leader. They can smell them a mile off, and they are working out the Leader of the Opposition— and don't they know it?