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 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (2.49 pm): Last Saturday I spent several hours supporting Darren Zanow, the fantastic member-elect for Ipswich West—hardworking, local, experienced—a breath of fresh air for the good people of Ipswich West, who have been taken for granted for far too long by the broken and chaotic Labor Party. Darren understands the issues facing families in Ipswich West: the youth crime crisis, the cost-of-living crisis, the health crisis and the housing crisis. He also understands issues of trust—trust in government—and those are issues that Darren and the LNP campaigned on. Indeed, they were the issues on our how-to-vote cards. Imagine my surprise while at the Karalee State School election booth when I saw some suspicious characters lining up with the Legalise Cannabis Queensland Party. Those characters were consorting with ALP booth workers and then very obviously pulling on a green Legalise Cannabis Party T-shirt and lining up to hand out pot party how-to-vote cards. Let's have a look at those how-to-vote cards. The authentic pot party how-to-vote card was authorised, of course, by someone from Nimbin—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member for Clayfield, you will either read some of that—

Mr NICHOLLS: I table that document.

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No preferences are recommended, of course. They were obviously a bit high to work it out that day. Let's have a look at the fake how-to-vote card being handed out by the suspicious pot party branded workers. The fake how-to-vote card recommended preferences to the Labor Party. Who, I wondered, had smoked the bong and visited the land of the lotus-eaters? Who was on the Maui Wowie? Who was on the wacky tobacky? I checked the authorisation on the bottom of that card. It was authorised by a Mr S Bowman, level 13, 333 Adelaide Street, Brisbane. Who occupies that auspicious office? The Brisbane branch of the Australian Workers' Union. Who is Mr Bowman? He is the Southern District Organiser of the Australian Workers' Union who on 8 March 2023, alongside other AWU operatives like Joey Kaiser, state secretary Stacey Schinnerl and assistant secretary Kurt Neumann met the then deputy premier and now Premier. According to the Premier's diary, he then went on to meet Joey's dad, Mike Kaiser, his director-general. It is the very same AWU that the Deputy Premier, the Attorney-General, the transport minister, the member for Sandgate, the member for Stafford and many other Labor MPs are all members of, who owe their political allegiance and their political life to the AWU and who are now all obviously signed-up supporters of the stoners at the AWU who support the Legalise Cannabis Party. Here is the question: which one of them is Cheech and which one is Chong? We all know that the ALP is going up in smoke and, after last Saturday, they are still smoking.

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Mr Hinchliffe interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Sandgate, you are warned.

Mr NICHOLLS: There is a far more serious issue at stake here, and that, of course, is the Labor government's and this Premier's lack of integrity. In not condemning this practice, the Premier and Labor condone it. How many times do they say ad nauseam, 'If you walk past it, you support it'? Well, why are they walking past it? What is the AWU aligned Attorney-General doing about this tricky and deceitful action by her union comrades? Will she take action against the AWU for handing out misleading second preference cards? Will she take action to investigate?

Mr Saunders interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Resume your seat, please, member for Clayfield. Member for Maryborough, you are under a warning. You can leave the chamber for an hour, please.

Whereupon the honourable member for Maryborough withdrew from the chamber at 2.53 pm.

Mr NICHOLLS: This is the Attorney-General who said that these changes are about making 'elections fairer, more transparent and just'. In only October she said, 'I am very proud to be part of the Palaszczuk Labor government'—not now so much, of course, we read—'which from day one has been reforming our electoral laws to bring transparency and integrity.'

We know that this Attorney-General has checked out, moved on by her own Premier and her own colleagues. She is disinterested in being in this place and is going through the motions, barely able to get the enthusiasm to turn up, and now not even pretending to care about the integrity of our voting system. This morning the Attorney could have made a ministerial statement. In 45 minutes, there was not one ministerial statement. She could have condemned the actions of the AWU, but what did we hear? Crickets. The Attorney should be inquiring into the blatantly deceptive processes of this union movement and its dishonest people. Tired, out of touch, out of energy—it's time to show Labor the door in 2024.