




Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**  
**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (2.03 pm): It has been an extraordinarily bad week from the opposition. We have had a leader missing divisions, attacking public servants as dodgy, diminishing the experience of—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kempton): Members!

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** I want to focus on their rewriting of history around energy. I want to start with CopperString. I want to take stock of the opposition's questioning. Opposition members asked about cost blowouts under their own watch, on their project. A project that under those opposite started at \$1 billion turned out to be \$13.9 billion. They were asking when we found out about their blowout, their deception, their scam. The numbers kept getting bigger: \$1 billion, \$5 billion, \$9 billion, \$13.9 billion. The figure was unbelievable. That is why the Treasurer sought to have it properly verified, as you would expect. The Treasurer and his office tested this number, as you would expect—with Treasury, with energy officials, with my office, with Powerlink. Even after all of the time it took and the figure was finally confirmed, it remains unbelievable what those opposite had presided over. It is astounding that the project had blown out to that level.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members to my left, the Premier is not taking your interjections. Could we hear the Premier in silence, please.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** This Treasurer will deliver that project, which those opposite could not. I turn to Callide. The gall to ask questions about a power plant they ran into the ground! Does anyone seriously believe the opposition when it says that a government barely 100 days into its tenure could be responsible for the lack of maintenance required to cause a power plant to blow up?

This week the opposition has been obsessed with a photograph rather than with their failure to maintain an asset for a decade. The information that was initially provided to the Treasurer's office and to my office—and, I suspect, to the board—was not accurate. It did not represent the scale of the incident, nor the scale of Labor's inability to maintain the asset in the first place. Contrast that with the week of the government: stamp duty gone, historic domestic violence laws introduced, delivering for Queensland.

Finally, I want to speak about a fire in my electorate of Broadwater that caused significant damage to the home of a family in Hollywell, including a serving ambulance officer for Queensland government—an ambulance officer with three young girls. The devastation of that fire has been immense. That family has lost everything. I want to acknowledge the way the community has rallied behind them—from individual businesses in the Runaway Bay shopping centre to the Paradise Point Bowls Club. It has been a herculean effort. People have rallied around this family in their hour of need, and I assure the family and the broader community that the entire electorate is there for them at this very difficult time.