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 **Mr JKELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (2.12 pm): It has been a happy week in my household. Exams are over, awards have been distributed and graduation will see the end of our family's journey through the local schools. I thank the teachers and staff at the Greenslopes Hospital childcare centre, Greenslopes State School, Greenslopes OSCA and, of course, Cavendish Road State High School.

On Saturday, newly minted adults will be heading off to schoolies in their thousands to celebrate but, sadly, they will not be as safe as they could be because the Crisafulli LNP government has chosen ideology over evidence. Despite the calls from experts, despite the many people in my community who signed petitions calling for this decision to be reversed and despite the LNP government's claims to be a government that listens, it is just not listening. Despite saying that it would keep Queenslanders safe, it is choosing ideology over evidence and putting young Queenslanders at risk. We have had a year of David Crisafulli and the LNP's broken promises, slick slogans, slippery spin and dodgy deals.

During Labor's decade of job creation, rebuilding schools and hospitals, tackling climate change, investing in public transport, securing the Olympics and getting through COVID-19, Labor also found time to tackle big social issues. We had debates and we passed legislation that, at their core, were about empowering women, listening to young people, standing up for small businesses, valuing our environment, treating everybody with dignity and respect, and seeking genuine reconciliation with First Nations people.

In addition to breaking promises and delivering their slick slogans and slippery spin, choosing ideology over evidence and doing dodgy deals, the LNP found time to shut down debate on social issues. Nope, you are not allowed to talk about abortion in here. Nope, you are not allowed to talk about pill testing in here. Nope, treaty is off the table and, nope, you do not want to be talking about net zero. That has gone. In a decade of tackling social issues, Labor had the courage to engage in those debates and get the outcomes that reflected the changing values of our communities. We courageously had those debates and did not shut them down like those opposite do.

People in my community want pill testing at schoolies. They want evidence-based health care. They want reconciliation with First Nations people. They want action on climate. They want real action on the cost of living and housing, not the slippery spin we had yesterday from the Treasurer, who was justifying robbing people of their energy rebates and registration reductions.

This is a government that has silenced debate on important issues, using slick slogans and slippery spin to cover its broken promises, its dodgy deals and its climate inaction. Perhaps that is why this week's Redbridge poll showed the continuing pattern of 18- to 35-year-olds abandoning the LNP, with just one in 10 putting them at No. 1. On this side of the House we do not take any age group for granted. We listen, we continue to be brave enough to debate the big social issues and we will work every day to end their dodgy deals, their slick slogans, their slippery spin and their climate denial, which every single one on that side of the House shares in.

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