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 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (2.36 pm): It has been a year of the Crisafulli government and a year of broken promises. Remember when the Premier said that he valued the independence of the Public Service? The decision today shows that the Premier's word means absolutely nothing. After not being successful in making the Public Service do their dirty work, no doubt they will come in here and rush through a ban that will impact trans kids in this state—all in a deal to keep the hard right in the Liberal National Party happy. Who can forget when they said that the test would be 'if people were better off'? I think Queenslanders would say that, given that rents are up, the social housing waiting list has blown out, thousands of affordable homes have been axed and more Queenslanders are sleeping on the streets, this demonstrates that the LNP have failed the test.

We were told that Premier David Crisafulli would fix housing and, instead, he has created an administrative circus. Three ministers are supposedly responsible for housing and, evidently, they are not talking to each other. First, we have the member for Bonney, the bloke who spent almost all of last year railing against affordable housing in his own backyard and now turns up to Labor's projects like he has built them himself. He spends more time pretending to be Labor than standing up to the hard right of his own party. Then we have the member for Kawana, the chief NIMBY himself, whose first act was to tear up an affordable housing project—again, in his own electorate—after Labor had already approved it. We hear all of this nonsense about how they are unleashing the community housing sector and yet, they overturn approvals for one of the largest community housing providers in Queensland.

Finally, we have the Treasurer, a former investment banker, who is somehow the answer to young people wanting to get into the housing market. God help them because if that is the answer to young people getting into the housing market, I am not sure what the question was! Three ministers for housing—one pretending to be Labor, one blocking new homes and one in a completely different economy—

Mr O'CONNOR: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Pause the clock.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I will wait for order. What is your point of order?

Mr O'CONNOR: I have a pretty thick skin, but I take personal offence and I ask that that be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Bonney has taken personal offence. I ask you to withdraw.

Ms SCANLON: I withdraw. What I think a lot of Queenslanders take offence to is the spin coming from those opposite about so-called supply when all this government has done so far is scrap social and affordable housing projects across the state. There is less housing now with the Liberal National Party in charge compared to what there would be if we were in government. In the middle of a housing crisis they thought it was a good idea to axe mandatory social and affordable housing targets in the middle of Brisbane, one of the most well located areas in Queensland. It is hardly surprising given Julian Simmonds is in charge. The bloke has gone from the coal front group to chairing our public developer. He has never met a public asset he did not want to flog or a donor he did not want to please. That decision now means that 2,800 fewer social and affordable homes are going to be mandated. That is the decision those opposite have made—a gift to the wealthy few and a blow to nurses, teachers and frontline workers who keep this city running.

As has been outlined, it is not just in Brisbane. There are projects right across the state that have been axed by those opposite because apparently there was too much affordable housing in each of those projects. They were projects from developers and community housing providers ready to build and those opposite said no. Now they have stopped accepting the SFD affordable housing proposals that were deliberately designed to ensure we gave people a fast-track approval. The real kicker, though, is that when it comes to Olympic infrastructure the LNP is happy to bulldoze councils, override planning laws and charge ahead with the very stadium that David Crisafulli said he would never build. When it comes to homes for Queenslanders, suddenly it is too hard; suddenly it is all up to councils. They will move heaven and earth for a stadium but clearly not build a single house for a renter who needs one.

The cruellest part is the quiet changes they have made to make it even harder for homeless Queenslanders to get access to emergency accommodation. We are seeing the consequences of the decisions of those opposite in our parks. There was an 11 per cent increase in the social housing waiting list in just three months. That will increase because of the decisions being made by those opposite to axe social and affordable housing projects. We also heard during estimates—

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Ms SCANLON: I hear the interjections from the housing minister, that they are going to sell off public housing. Instead of taking credit for Labor projects, you should take responsibility—

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