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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (9.18 pm): One year on from the election and all we see is the same old stale, shifty, slippery LNP and today was a day just like so many before it—extraordinary: a senior LNP minister found by the Supreme Court to have acted unlawfully and the government gagging the voices of the north, just to further their own extreme political ideology. Gagging the voices of the members in this place is not a new tactic. It has become essential for the LNP to stay on the same page, to enforce the mantra to act normal. The LNP, using this parliament as their political plaything, is something we have seen since its very first day on the government benches and it tells you all you need to know about this government. They are more interested in politics than in governing.

While the LNP may feel like the winner under this model of suppression and control, the losers are Queenslanders. They are living with the fallout every day that ticks over. When the LNP are more interested in power plays, we see power prices jump by more than 20 per cent. I know every single member of my community feels every cent of that increase. The Premier promised power bill relief would continue, but after the votes were cast the deception was unveiled.

When the LNP are furnishing their mates and donors with cushy taxpayer positions, rents are skyrocketing in my community and more tents are popping up in our local parks. We have seen an 11 per cent increase on the social housing register in the last three months alone, all while the LNP is more concerned with setting their donors up with six-figure salaries. Rents continue to rise, consuming every available cent in families' budgets.

While the LNP are splashing cash on changing the state's colours from maroon to blue, the sickening increases at the fuel bowzers and supermarket registers remain unheard and unaddressed by this government. They are happy to spend hard-earned taxes, but not on the things that will meaningfully benefit the lives of hardworking taxpayers. Food and fuel prices are through the roof. What do we hear from this government to address it? Not a thing. More food hampers in my community are going out week on week to those Queenslanders who are feeling the cost-of-living pressures every single day.

There is no big thinking or tackling the challenges that face our state from those opposite. The LNP only focus on vanity, surface-level politics—too weak, too polarised and too backward to demonstrate any kind of leadership. They are not focused on the things that matter. One year of failure down, only three to go with no improvements in sight.