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 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (2.26 pm): After that contribution from the member for Nanango, I am so bewildered as to why Queenslanders did not want her to become the Premier. I am so surprised! What we want to talk about 12 months on—

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Ms FENTIMAN: I am sorry, but I can still hear the member for Nanango trying to audition. I am sorry, member for Nanango, that the good people of Queensland did not see fit to elect you to that top job.

Today we are talking about a year on from David Crisafulli and the LNP team taking government and how hard it is to keep track of all of the broken promises. Queenslanders right now are feeling the pinch. They are doing it tough. If any of those opposite spent any time actually talking to real people, they would understand that families are really having a tough time of it. David Crisafulli, the Premier, said during his time as opposition leader that energy rebates would continue and that there would be cost-of-living relief. I think that is the biggest broken promise from the LNP, even though there are so many of them.

Queenslanders were banking on getting an energy rebate because it was the thing that was enabling them to keep paying all of their other bills—the rent, the groceries, the petrol in the car. That decision to not continue energy rebates has been devastating for Queensland families. Then there is the fact that rego has gone up 24 per cent. There are no energy rebates, energy is going up by 20 per cent and rego is going up—taking that discount away from families doing it tough. He said that he was going to be responsible with taxpayers' money, but his decision to take away that discount for car rego and the energy rebates has made it really difficult for Queenslanders to be responsible because they do not have any money to pay these ever-increasing bills. The fact is that he promised they would continue, but then he gets into government and does the exact opposite.

Then we have the pressures around housing. We heard the Deputy Premier bang on about everything he is doing, but the reality is that the decisions that he and the housing minister made actually mean there are far fewer social and affordable housing projects in this state because they are now in government. The Premier, even today, said, 'It is all about supply.' His government is restricting the supply, and that is what is driving up house prices in this state. That is why when you go for a walk in any of our local government areas, you see more and more tents in the parks. People are doing it tough. The cost of living and housing are absolutely linked. The fact is: if you are renter, things are insecure for you right now and your rent keeps going up. So many people are being forced into their cars and into tents—that is what we see every day—but they just do not seem to care. They do not care that they broke their promises. They do not care that there are now more people living in their cars and living in tents in our parks.

The other promise that the Premier made was that the health crisis would be fixed and, in fact, what have we seen? The worst ambulance ramping on record.

Ms Boyd: The biggest crisis is this minister.

Ms FENTIMAN: I take that interjection from the member for Pine Rivers: the biggest crisis in health is this minister. Today he has been found to have made decisions unlawfully because he refused to take health advice before making a decision around life-saving health care. You would think, as the health minister, your first port of call would be to take medical expert advice before making a decision that impacts so many Queenslanders and their health. It is absolutely embarrassing that we have a health minister who is making decisions that impact the health of Queenslanders unlawfully, and here we have the Premier, who promised again to hold his ministers to account.

What are the consequences for a health minister who is refusing to take expert health advice and is making unlawful decisions? I do not think there will be any consequences, because we have not seen any consequences for the ministers who are failing to meet his KPIs. There are so many broken promises. The reality is: there are so many families doing it so much tougher under the LNP government.

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