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Housing

 **Hon. MAJ SCANLON** (Gaven—ALP) (2.26 pm): The housing minister has not had a good week. There was shocking affordable housing data that came out, and he decided what he would do in response to that is go and get some nice photos visiting homeless camps. With a bright shirt and sympathetic smile—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Order! Members to my left, you are interjecting on your own member of the team.

Mr O'Connor interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Bonney, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms SCANLON: He visited with a bright shirt and sympathetic smile, but the very next day those homeless encampments were dismantled by police and bobcats. Of course, George Street Beat did not miss him, did they: compassion one day, clearance the next.

Queenslanders notice these sorts of things. The polling has shown that 56 per cent of Queenslanders are dissatisfied with the response of the government to housing in Queensland. Not even one in five people think they are doing the right thing on housing here in Queensland. It is not just the general public who think they are doing an atrocious job on affordable housing; their own backbench is incredibly restless as well and they are literally saying it. There are news articles and rumours from those opposite saying, 'We really need to do more on housing because clearly it's not cutting through.'

We have seen that same division today on the bill before the House, and we saw that same chaos on public housing asset sales. Despite what the housing minister is now trying to suggest, I want to put some facts on the record. The budget locks in over \$100 million from public housing asset sales. The reason I know that is they literally confirmed it in a question on notice. At estimates the director-general confirmed there is 'an expectation of sales'.

Mrs Gerber interjected.

Ms SCANLON: The member for Currumbin might want to look at what the information says because it states very clearly that there was a secret plan to flog off public housing. It is either that or they were cooking the books, but they cannot have it both ways. The member for Bonney can keep posting videos of us. If only the 10,000 extra social housing tenants were living in his head rent free in the same way that we are, then maybe he would not be in this sort of trouble.

While he was busy talking about Labor this morning there was one thing the housing minister did say that I do agree with, and that is that the Deputy Premier certainly does like a three-word slogan, so I thought maybe I would add some additional ones: 'too many homes', 'not my backyard', 'someone else's street' or 'anywhere but here'. Of course, the Deputy Premier loves to say he is for supply, just not when it is affordable and not when it is in his backyard.

The member for Bonney seems to disagree with the Deputy Premier on a lot but goes strangely quiet when it comes to affordable homes being cut. In the Gold Coast Health and Knowledge Precinct there was prime public land next to the hospital right near Griffith University. Under Labor that site was slated for nearly 900 homes; 176 needed to be affordable and 87 accessible. The LNP came in and flogged it off. They delivered fewer homes and none of them are going to be affordable. They are all luxury homes. I wonder what conversations might have taken place with the Deputy Premier. Once upon a time the member for Bonney wanted affordable housing on this site, but this is just another thing he has turned his back on. Of course, it does not stop there. We were told affordable housing conditions were apparently the problem, that developers do not want to build affordable homes.

Ms Grace: Oh, rubbish.

Ms SCANLON: I take the interjection because that excuse does not stack up. Under Labor, our fast-track approval program had developers lined up to approve 30,000 homes, with 15 per cent needing to be affordable homes. They wanted to build, but the LNP have either cut those projects because they are in their own backyard or stalled those projects. Let's be clear: they are happy to sell off public land with no affordable housing, but then they want to block private developments that include it. They are ripping conditions off one site and blocking supply on the other, and that is what they call a housing policy.

While the member for Bonney can continue denying the fact they clearly had a secret plan to sell off public housing, it does not make an awful lot of sense when the member for Kawana—who should now be known as 'Bleijie White'—is saying that they are going to flog off public land. That does not make an awful lot of sense.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Gaven, I will remind you please to refer to members by their correct titles. You have been here long enough to know better.

Ms SCANLON: Queenslanders see it and they are not buying it.