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 **Mr LANGBROEK** (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (10.09 pm): As we have heard from the opposition leader and the member for Kawana and the member for Nanango, this is a government with a pattern of a litany of failures. We have seen the failures today from the Leader of the House, who could not even bring a bill into the House with the correct Governor's message and now it has had to be withdrawn. We have had quorum problems from both the health minister and the Leader of the House, and of course there is the issue of two members of parliament who have left the Labor Party and two ministers who have now had to either fall on their swords or resign. We had the debacle with the agriculture minister, and as we have just heard from the member for Kawana, the transport minister does not have the decency to do the right thing and go. We have a 'do-nothing' government that is actually doing harm to the people of Queensland, and it is not just ministers but it is backbenchers as well who are doing harm to the people of Queensland. We have issues with the member for Ferny Grove and standover tactics against the mayor of the Gold Coast and a Gold Coast councillor—

Mr FURNER: I rise to a point of order. I take offence to those comments from the member for Surfers Paradise and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr SPEAKER: I did not hear the comments. I understand they were personal. Will you withdraw?

Mr LANGBROEK: I withdraw. We also see people turning on each other within the government. The member for Capalaba, when asked today about the member for Bundaberg and her inaction and inability to pay her own bills, made comments which show the division within this government. A house divided falls, and that is what we see from this Labor government.

In health we have a minister who is slowly engineering the demise of the hospital and health services by giving them responsibility but no authority to do things. There is no better example of that than the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service, where today the minister had the temerity to try to suggest that he can reduce an \$80 million deficit but not reduce any services. It really does beggar belief how they can suggest that Queenslanders will stomach this for much longer. In the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital and Health Service 250 people are going to lose their jobs, yet the health minister is saying to hospital and health services, 'We will give you the responsibility. We will give you the board members.' It is going to be interesting to see whether the least experienced board member is appointed as the chair of the Bundaberg Hospital and Health Service. It is not good enough for the people of Queensland, who deserve to have services provided. That is what state governments are supposed to do.

Instead, we have a Premier—the member for Inala—who is actually just a puppet led by the factions and led by the unions. That has been exemplified by the things we have seen happening today. We have a Premier who knew less than her own Deputy Premier about how the member for Bundaberg had her bill paid and who has not come into the House this evening to explain anything. As the member for Kawana said, by tomorrow she will be saying to the media, 'I have already dealt with that issue.' The internal workings of the Labor party dealt with that issue; not the member for Inala. Queenslanders deserve better, and only the LNP will provide the stability and services that Queenslanders deserve.