


~~the Cooper Basin is for preferences and the people who live in those communities and depend on those livelihoods in places such as Quilpie and Thargomindah have every right to be furious as their futures are being used as political pawns.>~~

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### ~~<Brisbane Bayside, Ambulance Services~~

 ~~Mr BROWN (Capalaba—ALP) (2.59 pm): Today I rise to inform the House that>, following the LNP's savage cuts to front line services, the Palaszczuk government is not only restoring front line services; we are enhancing them. Since coming to government we have increased nurse numbers by over 4,300, 1,250 doctors and 1,200 allied health workers. We have also increased ambulance officers by 225, with a further 115 to come this financial year. Earlier this year I was approached by United Voice, the union that looks after ambulance officers and paramedics. It raised concerns with me about the bayside area, including the electorates of Lytton, Capalaba, Redlands and Cleveland and now parts of Springwood, and the need for a critical care paramedic unit. In addition to postgraduate tertiary education, most critical care paramedics have a masters as well. Critical care paramedics support the excellent care by our advanced care paramedics, using their additional knowledge and experience to provide live professional development and optimise patient safety and outcomes. Critical care paramedics have a wider scope of practice which allows more options for stabilisation of seriously injured and critically ill patients and provide an additional level of care to allow safer transfer to major hospitals from the bayside.~~

~~Currently patients who require a critical care paramedic have them come from Logan or Nathan areas into the bayside. I have spoken with paramedics and they tell me that this is important for bayside residents. Along with Joan Pease, the member for Lytton, Mick de Brenni, the member for Springwood, and Redlands candidate Kim Richards, we have taken these concerns to the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services. I want to thank the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services for listening to our concerns, because I am pleased to advise the House that a dedicated 24 hour critical care paramedic unit will be based on the bayside, stationed out of the Capalaba Ambulance Station. It will comprise five critical care paramedics and a dedicated critical care pod vehicle and is an investment of over three quarters of a million dollars. This will bolster ambulance services on the bayside. I am proud to be part of a government that puts the people of Queensland first. It is envisaged to have this operational in time for Christmas. I hope the members for Cleveland and Redlands are listening, because this will help their constituents as well. I would hope that they would just thank us rather than being part of an opposition that wants to tear down our front-line services.>~~

### ~~<ETHICS COMMITTEE~~

#### ~~Reports~~

 ~~Mr BROWN (Capalaba—ALP) (3.03 pm), by leave: I table Ethics Committee report No. 176 titled Annual report 2016 2017 and report No. 177 titled Report on a right of reply No. 32.~~


~~Tabled paper: Ethics Committee: Report No. 176, 55th Parliament—Annual Report 2016 17.~~

~~Tabled paper: Ethics Committee: Report No. 177—Report on a Right of Reply No. 32.~~

~~I advise the House that the Ethics Committee has attached extracts of the minutes relevant to the committee's consideration of report No. 177 to the report to comply with the intent of standing order 211 as recommended by the House and by the CLA. I commend the reports and the committee's recommendations to the House.>~~

## ~~<LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTORAL (IMPLEMENTING BELCARRA) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL~~

### ~~Introduction~~

 ~~Hon. A PALASZCZUK (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (3.03 pm): <I present a bill for an act to amend the >City of Brisbane Act 2010, the Electoral Act 1992, the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 for particular purposes. I table the bill and the explanatory notes. I nominate the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee to consider the bill.~~

~~Tabled paper: Local Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017.~~

~~Tabled paper: Local Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017, explanatory notes.~~

I am pleased to introduce the Local Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017. This bill will amend the City of Brisbane Act 2010, the Electoral Act 1992, the Local Government Act 2009 and the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 to implement recommendations from the Crime and Corruption Commission's report, *Operation Belcarra: a blueprint for integrity and addressing corruption risk in local government*. The report made 31 recommendations designed to reduce the risk of corruption and increase transparency, integrity and accountability in Queensland local governments. My government takes the recommendations very seriously and I am proud to say that we support, or support in principle, all 31 recommendations. We are absolutely resolute in our commitment to improve transparency and integrity at all levels of government.

The CCC report provides a blueprint to improve equity, transparency, integrity and accountability in Queensland local government elections and decision-making. As noted by the CCC, allegations of this nature have been repeatedly examined over the last 25 years. This highlights the potential for donations from property developers to lead to the perception of corruption. As elected representatives, we all hold positions of considerable responsibility. We must always act in a way that reflects the trust that has been placed in us by our communities. Let me make this clear: Queensland is home to some of the most innovative and successful local governments in the nation. Councils are led by mayors and councillors who are passionate and committed to serving their communities. I know the majority of local government elected representatives are doing exceptional work. They work in the best interests of their council and community and I want to acknowledge their efforts.

I have confidence in the state's local government system, but the system is not perfect and when problems are identified we should address them. My government is moving swiftly on the Operation Belcarra report, particularly on two key areas which are addressed in the bill I introduce today. The bill today specifically introduces a prohibition on property developer donations. As I have made very clear—

**Mr Bleijie** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): Order! Member for Kawana, you need to be in your proper seat if you are going to interject; otherwise you will be warned.

**Ms PALASZCZUK**: As I have made very clear, I will not make rules for local government that I am not prepared to follow myself. That is why the ban on property developer donations will apply at both the state and local government level. Similar to the approach in New South Wales, Queensland will introduce a ban on political donations from property developers at the state level. This is an important step given that the state is also involved in development assessment, whether it be through environmental approvals or the power to call in a development if it involves a state interest. It is my intention that this ban will apply from today.

The bill inserts a new subdivision 4 in part 11, division 8 in the Electoral Act 1992 and a new division 1A in part 6 in the Local Government Electoral Act 2011 which makes it unlawful for a donation from a prohibited donor to be directly or indirectly made or accepted. The term 'prohibited donor' is defined to include a property developer and their close associates such as related corporations, directors and their spouses—

**Mr Seeney** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER**: Member for Callide, your interjections are not being taken.

**Ms PALASZCZUK**:—and any industry representative organisation whose members are mainly property developers. For the purposes of the ban, a political donation is defined to include direct and indirect gifts to a political party, elected member or candidate in an election. While gifts made to an entity in a private capacity are specifically excluded from the ban, it will apply to political party subscription fees which exceed \$1,000 per year and any fundraising contributions. The bill includes a range of new offences with strong penalties, including a specific provision for prohibited donations to be recovered by the state. Under these provisions, if a person accepts a prohibited donation, the state may recover up to twice the amount or value of the donation.

The bill also strengthens the requirements about how councillor conflicts of interest—real or perceived—are managed. The bill introduces requirements for additional information to be included when a councillor declares a conflict of interest or a material personal interest in a matter. This will enable the community to have a better understanding of precisely what the conflict is when it is declared. The bill also establishes an obligation on other councillors to report a councillor's conflict of interest or material personal interest if they believe—

**Mr Bleijie** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Kawana, if you persist you will be warned under standing order 253A.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:**—or suspect on reasonable grounds that the councillor in question has an interest that has not been declared. The bill also introduces significantly stronger penalties for noncompliance by councillors with the tighter conflict of interest obligations. I know that, during consideration and debate on this bill both in this chamber and in the public arena, references will be made to extending the ban on donations from property developers to other types of donors. In response, I wish to draw everyone's attention to pages 78 and 79 of the CCC's report on Operation Belcarra. On those pages, the CCC clearly states that other types of donors do not demonstrate the same risk of actual or perceived corruption in Queensland local government as property developers. Furthermore, the CCC concludes that 'a more encompassing ban is not appropriate.' I am prepared to be guided by the advice provided by our independent corruption watchdog and I urge others to do the same.

026 This bill is part of a comprehensive suite of reforms aimed at increasing transparency, integrity and accountability in state and local government. It is consistent with and continues to reinforce my government's well-established record on integrity and accountability. Earlier this year, my government introduced Australia's first real-time electronic donation disclosure system to ensure that Queenslanders are fully informed when they go to the polls. A new model for the management of councillor complaints is also currently before the House.

My government has never wavered from the principle that elected officials must meet the community's reasonable and legitimate expectation of integrity. Under the former government, we saw transparency and integrity utterly undermined in this state. This bill reinforces our commitment to integrity and transparency.

**Mr Bleijie** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): Order! Member for Kawana. I have counselled you several times. You will be warned under standing order 253A the next time.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** I am proud to lead a government that has worked tirelessly to restore these values. I remind honourable members that this legislation adopts the recommendations from the extensive and independent investigation by the Crime and Corruption Commission. While I respect the views of stakeholders, including those who argue against a ban on property developer donations, the CCC, our standing royal commission, found this to be a risk of corruption. The CCC concluded—

There is a real risk of corruption when donations are made with the expectation that the recipient will, in return, make decisions that deliver material benefits to the donor.

In this year—the 30th anniversary of the *Moonlight State* and the initiation of the Fitzgerald Inquiry that led to the formation of the CCC's precursor, the Criminal Justice Commission—the parliament and all members of parliament need to ensure we guard against the risk of corruption, real or perceived, re-emerging in the body politic. That is why my government has taken such significant actions around lowering the threshold for declaring political donations and introducing Australia's first system of real-time disclosure of political donations. I commend the bill to the House.

### **First Reading**

~~**Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (3.12 pm): I move  
That the bill be now read a first time.~~

~~Question put That the bill be now read a first time.~~

~~Motion agreed to.~~

~~Bill read a first time.~~

### **Referral to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee**

~~**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): Order! In accordance with standing order 131, the bill is now referred to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee.~~

### **Portfolio Committee, Reporting Date**

~~**Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (3.21 pm), by leave, without notice: I move—~~

~~That under the provisions of standing order 136 the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee report to the House on the Local Government Electoral (Implementing Belcarra) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill by 27 November 2017.~~

~~Question put That the motion be agreed to.~~

~~Motion agreed to.~~

~~**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members, whenever a member is placed on a warning in the morning session, by lunchtime the slate becomes clean and we start afresh. That is why the member for Kawana was going down the path of receiving a warning.~~

~~**Mr Bleijie:** A fresh start.~~

~~**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** A fresh start.~~

## ~~WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL~~

### ~~Second Reading~~

~~Resumed from p. 3117, on motion of Ms Grace~~

~~That the bill be now read a second time.~~



~~**Mr MINNIKIN** (3.13 pm), (continuing): Before the lunch adjournment I was saying that no other state has the offence of industrial manslaughter. That brings me to ask: why? It has been pretty interesting to read a couple of extracts from today's newspapers, including an article in the *Australian* with the headline 'ALP retreats on manslaughter law for miners'. It states~~

~~Last night, as Industrial Relations Minister Grace Grace began the debate on the legislation without the amendment that applied to the mining sector — a government spokeswoman —~~

~~whomever that might be —~~

~~confirmed the resources sector coverage was 'not happening'.~~

~~'It's going to consultation.'~~

~~Finally, that word 'consultation' appears in relation to this bill. I come back to the premise of why. As the shadow minister for multicultural affairs, I enjoy the interaction that I have in that sphere with the member for Brisbane Central. In relation to why there might be this absolute, blind necessity to get this industrial manslaughter legislation through so urgently as this parliament is drawing to a close over the coming months — or, who knows, weeks — I will quote from the editorial in today's *Courier Mail*, which states —~~

~~Given the CFMEU —~~

~~Here we go again with the CFMEU —~~

~~has proved such a rich vein of funds, tipping \$180,000 into Labor's coffers since 2015, Ms Palaszezuk is obviously reluctant to bite the hand that feeds her.~~

~~Little wonder the moral superiority of the Left is morphing into such low acts when their political arm continues to take their money and remain members.~~

~~Before the break I mentioned that one of my very good friends is a contractor who has a medium sized construction firm. He has said that, in addition to the normal shenanigans on site that he endures with the CFMEU, there was a special whip round with a cup for a top up of the coffers for the election, whenever that might be. It was interesting to note that some of the workers mentioned the fact that they were particularly concerned about some of their Labor members. One was the member for Brisbane Central. In July this year, the media reported that the CFMEU was doing letterbox drops in the electorate of the Minister for Employment as well — I might add — as the electorates of other cabinet ministers about, from the CFMEU's perspective, Labor's appalling record. The flyer said, 'Health and safety neglected under Grace Grace's watch.' In the interests of administrative efficiency I will not table a copy of it, but the DL drop contained a picture of the minister and was titled, 'It's a disaster'. It also contained the typical little tick boxes of different things. The first box to be ticked on the campaign flyer was that industrial manslaughter laws were not implemented yet.~~

~~I will go back to the genesis of this bill. In July this year, the *Best practice review of Workplace Health and Safety Queensland final report* was published. That report made 58 recommendations. That review was undertaken in response — and all sides of the chamber are on song with this issue — to the tragic circumstances surrounding a couple of fatalities that received a lot of media publicity. In no~~