



Speech by

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AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY

Mr LANGBROEK (Surfers Paradise—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.35 am): Yesterday when the Premier stood up in her first ministerial statement and referred to the agricultural and primary industries sector we were all perplexed until we found out today that it is all about going on *MasterChef*. Let us look at what the government has done. There has been no acknowledgement of the agricultural and primary industry sector that has kept this state out of recession. It is worth \$13 billion.

Normally, all the government does for primary industries is belt them. Last year it cut 7.4 per cent out of the budget for Primary Industries, down to \$335 million. Funding for services was cut by 23 per cent. When it brings in vegetation management legislation it belts the primary producers. There is no stamp duty because no-one can buy properties because they do not know what is going to happen with those properties as a result of the regrowth moratorium in the Vegetation Management (Regrowth Clearing Moratorium) Act.

Of course, we also have the Great Barrier Reef Protection Amendment Bill, which I will not refer to but which we know will have severe implications for people involved in primary industries. Then, of course, we have wild rivers legislation, which I mentioned yesterday and which is affecting so many people. The remote area planning and development boards are being overwhelmed.

Mr O'Brien interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Hoolihan): Order! Member for Cook.

Mr LANGBROEK: There is concern about the Wild Rivers Act with the remote area planning and development boards. And, of course, we have those issues with the budget. The Premier wants to go on *MasterChef* and suddenly she is interested in primary industries. The LNP is interested in rural and regional Queensland and primary industries all the time, not just when we might get a chance to go on television. That is our commitment to all of the state, including rural and regional Queensland.