



Speech by

Hon. Campbell Newman

MEMBER FOR ASHGROVE

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ELECTION OF SPEAKER

Hon. CKT NEWMAN (Ashgrove—LNP) (Premier) (11.12 am): Madam Speaker, I think during my remarks on your nomination I expressed my thoughts on the qualities that we all saw and that have seen us support you into this role today. I would like to say on behalf of all members that it is a delight to see you there in the position—the first female Speaker this House has ever seen. It is long overdue.

I think you will do a fantastic job. I know that you have the strength, the integrity and the values that will allow you to run the proceedings of this House in an impartial and very careful way. On behalf of the House, congratulations and our very best wishes for the whole of this term. We are looking forward to the exercise of democracy that the Deputy Premier spoke about. There will be robust debate in this place. That is what it is all about, but I will be 100 per cent supportive of you in your efforts to make sure that it is run in an orderly and proper way that meets the standards of all Queenslanders and is particularly consistent with the things that I have been saying about trying to lift the institution of parliament in the eyes of the Queensland public. Congratulations, Madam Speaker.

Government members: Hear, hear!