




Speech by

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REDCLIFFE ELECTORATE

 **Ms van LITSENBURG** (Redcliffe—ALP) (3.26 pm): I have a strong vision for Redcliffe and I have fought hard to achieve this to improve the lifestyles of all Redcliffians. I still have more to do, but I need the right government to enable me to deliver. Only a Bligh Labor government is batting for Queenslanders and is committed to keeping Queensland working.

The LNP has offered no solutions. Its Redcliffe candidate, whose day job should be about protecting businesses, began accusing me just before Christmas of voting for paid car parking at Peninsula Fair. Only Brisbane City Council had voted for paid car parking in shopping centres. The manager of the Peninsula Fair shopping centre was worried that these baseless comments would wreck the Christmas trade of businesses that had had a difficult year. The LNP candidate has continued regardless, pursuing his own goals at the expense of local traders. Is this how the LNP supports businesses and jobs? Redcliffians and Queenslanders deserve better than that, with the continuation of support through such programs as the Regional Events Program, the Business and Industry Transformation Incentives program and 'What's Your Big Idea?'

Queensland businesses deserve a Bligh government backed up by real expertise, real experience, real money and a real plan to enable them to be the cornerstone of a strong Queensland economy. That is the heart of the Bligh government's vision: Queenslanders with jobs at the foundation of a secure, happy, healthy Queensland lifestyle.