



Speech by


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 **Mr WELLINGTON** (Nicklin—Ind) (11.18 pm): I also attended the rally outside parliament today where thousands of good people—thousands of good Queenslanders—gathered to show their concerns about Premier Newman. I cannot believe our Premier is so out of touch with so many good Queensland people that he would dismiss the protest as simply a mere union stunt. Premier Newman recently spoke about leading with humility and dignity. I have seen no signs of leading with humility and dignity from Premier Newman to date.

At the rally I spoke with Queenslanders—teachers, ambulance officers, fire officers and cleaners—and they shared with me how they have given their all for Queensland. They have worked so jolly hard and some of them have now been sacked—the first time in their lives. Guess what? When their jobs are replaced by private enterprise they believe it will cost the taxpayers more to do the same work they have been doing.

Our parliamentary standing orders do not allow me to repeat here tonight what they said about Premier Newman. Some even volunteered that they voted for the Liberal National Party at the last state election and—guess what?—they definitely will not be voting for the Liberal National Party and Campbell Newman again. Members might be interested to know that they suggested to me that the member for Southern Downs would be a better Premier than the member for Ashgrove. They spoke about the clear differences in the leadership styles of the member for Ashgrove and the member for Southern Downs. I put on the record here tonight that I believe the member for Southern Downs would make a better Premier for Queensland. He shows better leadership skills than we have seen since the last state election from the member for Ashgrove.