




Speech By
Deb Frecklington

MEMBER FOR NANANGO

MOTION: UNEMPLOYMENT

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (6.22 pm): Tonight I rise to support the Treasurer's amended motion and will try to bring some decorum back into the House. On Labor's own predictions, we were heading towards \$85 billion worth of debt. Queenslanders are fortunate that they now have a government that has stopped the economy bleeding from the unsustainable fiscal position that was left to us by those opposite. The Newman LNP government has put in place sound economic principles that are about rebuilding the state's finances; engaging the private sector; building the economic pillars of mining, construction, agriculture and tourism; giving confidence back to businesses of all sizes; and cutting red tape and getting out of the way of business so they can afford to be more productive and employ more people.

Those on the other side of the House continually put Queensland down. We on this side of the House have no intention of talking Queensland down. It is a great state with great opportunity. Those on the other side of the House are grasping at straws—it is all going to rack and ruin; everything is going to pot. No, Queensland is a great state with great opportunity. Queensland is the best state in Australia to invest, employ and grow. The employment figures for July state that there are 18,400 new jobs in Queensland whilst there has been a loss of around 10,200 across Australia. Queensland is moving ahead. We have green shoots of confidence, and that is why great deals are happening like the NAB PCA deal that has enabled the great company of PCA to remain viable in Kingaroy, giving confidence back to growers, consumers and staff. The 2013-14 Queensland budget papers predict employment growth will continue to grow over the forward estimates. Employment is forecast to increase by 2.25 per cent this year, which is nearly double the national growth rate of 1.25 per cent. This means that around 50,000 jobs will be created in Queensland in 2013-14. In relation to economic growth, we are way out in front. Growth is forecast to average over four per cent between 2013-14 and 2015-16.

Mrs Miller interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Again the member for Bundamba just talks Queensland down. She just cannot understand the simple economics.

A government member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: No, she does not support Springfield, and let us talk about Springfield. Today our Premier was supporting Springfield turning the sod for the commercial building to house GE at a value of about \$78 million and some 1,200 jobs. It is amazing. Turning to construction, the ABS figures show Queensland's residential property market is regaining confidence. The number of housing finance commitments in Queensland is up by almost four per cent. Again, Queensland is the best state to invest, employ and grow. Even the Deloitte Queensland Index said that the Queensland outlook is positive.

We are all about getting major projects off the ground by getting out of the way of business, cutting red tape and seeing that business is attracted to Queensland. Our red-tape initiatives will

increase the viability of not only the private sector but also community and not-for-profit agencies. The one thing that is holding Queenslanders back and the Queensland economy back is the next 18 days that we have to put up with a federal Labor government—a toxic, money-wasting Labor government that is being run by the incompetent Rudd and co. If they think the Queensland public will buy the economic credentials of Beattie and co., they underestimate the intelligence of the Queensland people, because our side of the House supports Queensland businesses. We support employment. We support investment. We are also committed to encouraging economic growth of this country, because it is a great state with great opportunity.

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