




Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (6.12 pm): I rise to support the Premier's amendment. The Newman government is delivering on its Contract with Queensland and is honouring its election commitments. Today I am lost for words at what we have been hearing from those opposite, because obviously misinformation is being espoused from over there and it is just completely wrong. What we have heard from a range of ministers over on this side of the House is that this government is a government that has the strength of its convictions to deliver on its election promises. We have promised to build a four-pillar economy, we have promised to lower the cost of living, and we have promised to deliver better infrastructure and better planning. We have promised to revitalise front-line services for families, and we have promised to restore accountability in government.

Also within our contract is the clear statement that we will cut red tape and regulation by 20 per cent, and we are making huge gains in this area. For a long time industry, business and communities have been calling out for a government that is accountable and gets rid of onerous red tape and regulation, and this is what we are talking about. We are looking to get out of the way of businesses and tourists and opening up our national parks so that people can use them. It is safe to say that our actions and the reforms that we have implemented in the past 18 months or so since we have been in government show that we are serious about our commitment to the people of Queensland. We have already implemented or are currently implementing more than 440 specific red-tape reduction initiatives. Instead of introducing reams of regulation and creating more processes and forms like the previous Labor government, we are getting out of the way of businesses so that they can get on with the job. We will continue to do so because we understand that time equals money and complying with unwarranted and unnecessary red tape comes at a cost. By reducing costs we are increasing the productivity and competitiveness of industry. We are improving the viability of our community and not-for-profit organisations, which all leads to dollar savings for families across Queensland.

I have heard the members opposite speak absolute mistruths in relation to services provided by our hospitals. Within our contract we are helping rural Queenslanders by doubling the Patient Travel Subsidy Scheme—that is one thing that the members opposite probably do not appreciate because they might have specialist doctors to which they can go—but we made a contract with our rural and regional constituents to boost the travel subsidy scheme to make access to health services more achievable. We have reduced the waiting times in our emergency departments, and in wonderful rural hospitals like the Kingaroy Base Hospital we have put in more services. We now have a rural surgeon who is able to treat more of the elderly and people who need simple surgery within the electorate so they do not need to travel. This is saving money for Queenslanders. This is what we promised to do, and that is why we have gone to the election with those promises.

I also heard what the shadow Treasurer said, and it is clear that over the next three years economic growth is set to average four per cent. By comparison, the state's economic growth averaged 2.1 per cent in the last years of the former Labor government. The most recent economic data also indicates that our targeted plans to boost the four pillars of the economy are having an effect. It is clear that we are delivering for Queenslanders because it is a great state—

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