




Speech By
Hon. Anastacia Palaszcuk

MEMBER FOR INALA

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ELECTION OF SPEAKER

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (11.09 am):
Mr Speaker, on behalf of the government I pass on my sincere congratulations to you on your election to the high office of Speaker of this parliament. As I said earlier, I have known you since 1998, and I know that you are a man of integrity and a man who stands up for your convictions. I acknowledge that we will have robust debates in this House, but I also acknowledge that this is the people's house where we will have an exchange of ideas but we will need a higher standard of decorum on the floor of this House.

On behalf of the government, I congratulate you, your family, your wife, Jenny, and your friends who are here today to celebrate this historic occasion of your election as the Independent Speaker of the Queensland parliament. I wish you all the very best in your dealings with both the government and the opposition. I know that you will deliberate on a fair basis at every opportunity. I also acknowledge that you are welcoming the media back onto the floor of the House, which no doubt they will also be very pleased about. Once again, congratulations. We wish you all the very best for this term of government.