



Speech By  
**Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk**

**MEMBER FOR INALA**

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 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.39 am): Twelve months ago my ministers were sworn in and so it was 12 months ago that my ministerial and caucus colleagues set about the task of restoring hope and opportunity for Queensland after three bitter years of threats and cuts under the LNP. Twelve months on, after promising Queenslanders a better way, I think Queensland is a better place.

This government keeps its commitments and delivers on its promises. As promised, we will not privatise our electricity generators and networks, something the other side of the House appears certain to re-embrace. My government has set a positive agenda to advance Queensland, to create jobs and new opportunities. We are a government committed to integrity, to consultation, to results.

By almost any economic measure, Queensland is a better place than it was 12 months ago. Jobs generation is up. Investment is up. Economic growth is up. Building approvals and business confidence are also up.

**Mr Bleijie** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Thank you, member for Kawana. If you have something to say, you know how to do it.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** The more than 60,000 jobs created in the first 11 months of my government are 60,000 exciting opportunities, 60,000 fresh starts, 60,000 new beginnings. That is more than 60,000 Queenslanders who had the dignity of getting a job, working hard, receiving an income and, hopefully, keeping that job in the long term.

As well as great leaps forward for the economy and for infrastructure delivery, of which I will speak in a moment, we are delivering on our commitment to restore front-line services so savagely cut by those opposite. We have employed an extra 290 teachers above growth this year and boosted school maintenance funding. There are 266 new police, and recruitment of 4,000 nurse graduates and 400 nurse navigators has begun.

We have led the way in introducing domestic violence reforms. We have also saved the Great Barrier Reef from being listed as in danger by UNESCO, thanks to a \$100 million commitment, and we have invested in regional Queensland through our Building Our Regions fund, the western roads package and drought assistance. We have frozen public transport fares while a fairer fare system is being designed and we stopped—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members of the opposition, I would urge you to control your interjections.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** A fairer fare system is being designed and we stopped our electricity providers legally challenging the recent price determination, locking in stable electricity prices over the next five years. We have returned integrity and accountability to this state, appointing an independent chair to the CCC and reducing political donation disclosure thresholds to \$1,000.

In just 12 months my government has done that and much more. We have delivered a stronger economy, a measured budget and overseen 60,000 new jobs without sacking tens of thousands of workers, without picking fights with every sector of the community and without a mass sell-off of our income-generating assets. There is always more work to do and my team is absolutely determined to do it.