



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services) (10.27 am): Since coming to power, the focus of the Palaszczuk Labor government has been restoring the damage done to Queensland through the cuts inflicted on Queensland by the Newman-Nicholls government. I am pleased to report that Queensland is becoming great again. We are doing that without pitting people against one another. The Palaszczuk Labor government is not going to build a wall, because Queenslanders are stronger together. That is why we repealed and replaced the Newman-Nicholls failed LNP industrial relations policies. We have restored front-line services.

When the people of Queensland look to the Leader of the Opposition, what do they see? They see his failed record on health care, his failed record on infrastructure and his failed record on jobs and the economy. When Queenslanders look at the Premier, they see that jobs are coming back and that the economy is improving. Queenslanders are saying, 'I'm with her.'

Today, the Deloitte report shows that the Queensland economy is gaining momentum. It says that this is more good news for Queensland. Sadly, the good news has not been welcomed by everybody. For years, the members opposite have been talking down the Queensland economy. The ambulance chasers of the opposition are always talking down the Queensland economy. They want it to fail. We remember the first year of the Newman government under the member for Clayfield. We were in a power-dive into the abyss. We were the Spain of the south. Do members remember all of that?

It turns out that we are the new phoenix. We are rising from the ashes of the failed economic policies of the Leader of the Opposition. We have our foot to the floor. We are barrelling down the highway. We are leading Queensland into a brighter future. Those opposite are weighed down by a failed leader, an old leader, the old plan—sack and sell—and stuck on the road to nowhere. That is their plan. The Leader of the Opposition has the old crew together—the crew that was left behind after he destroyed 30 political careers at the last election due to his policies. He has them in the jalopy. He is sticking it back together with sticky tape and he is rumbling down the road, putting the Strong Choices roadshow back on the road for the people of Queensland. They did not buy it in 2015. They can put it on the shelf as much as they like; they are not going to buy that product again from the member for Clayfield. With the release of the Deloitte report the last fig leaf has fallen from the Leader of the Opposition. It is flat on the ground. We know the truth. He has no policies. He has no plan. Under our Premier Queensland is moving into a brighter and better place.