



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR CLAYFIELD**

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**Wardill, Mr S; Member for Toowoomba South**

 **Mr NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.14 am): At the outset I formally record the congratulations of the LNP team to Steve and Emma Wardill, who were delivered of a baby daughter, Evie Rose, at 11.11 pm yesterday. Unexpectedly, she has dark hair. They are still questioning where that came from. Both mother and father are doing well, although I am told that the father continues to use the gas. He believes it is very good for him. I am also informed that this is the first time in 10 years he has failed to make a sitting of the Queensland parliament. We wish them the best of luck with Evie Rose.

**Ms Palaszczuk:** I believe he is watching!

**Mr NICHOLLS:** I am sure he will be and I am sure he will be tweeting about it too, Premier. I also take this opportunity to welcome the newest member of the House, the new member for Toowoomba South and the LNP, David Janetzki. I want to personally congratulate David for the great results he achieved in the recent by-election. I have followed David's career over many years as a member of the LNP, and both the deputy leader, the member for Nanango, Deb Frecklington and I were present when he was preselected to run for the seat. We were both very keen to support him in his endeavours to represent the people of Toowoomba South. He follows in the footsteps of outstanding representatives such as John McVeigh and Mike Horan, who both contributed to the campaign in Toowoomba South.

David, it is tremendous that you are able to join us here in the Queensland parliament to represent a very important part of regional Queensland—a part, I might say, that those opposite did not even bother to run in. For all the Premier talks about jobs for regional Queensland there seems to be one job that she did not want, and that was someone in your job representing the people of Toowoomba South. That was certainly noticed. Why would they be afraid to run? Because they did not manage to deliver the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing which was delivered by the LNP; they did not manage to deliver the Highfields State School which was delivered by the LNP; they did not manage to deliver the \$45 million ring-road; they were not able to transfer old railways land to the Toowoomba City Council; and they were not able to upgrade the Warrego Highway. Is it any wonder that the Premier did not want a job up in Toowoomba South? They probably would not even know how to get there. David is also joined in the House today by his wife Melinda, and I want to welcome them—

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