




Speech By
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 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (9.01 pm): I just listened to the member for Callide talk about Royalties for the Regions and he did not mention Maryborough once, because we got left out!

Mr SEENEY: I rise to a point of order. I find those comments offensive. There were intersections funded in his area that he took credit for, and the member for Hervey Bay has addressed that in this House. His comments are offensive because they are dishonest and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Callide. Member for Maryborough, will you withdraw?

Mr SAUNDERS: Look—

Mr SPEAKER: No, just withdraw.

Mr SAUNDERS: I will, Mr Speaker.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you.

An opposition member interjected.

Mr SAUNDERS: It has been two years since we were elected as the government and what a great—

An opposition member: When will you withdraw? That's not a withdrawal.

Mr SAUNDERS: I did.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Maryborough, will you withdraw please? Just say, 'I withdraw.'

Mr SAUNDERS: I withdraw, Mr Speaker. They are being a bit precious tonight because maybe they are getting a bit toey about the good—

Mr SPEAKER: No. Pause the clock. Please just say, 'I withdraw the comments the member for Callide found offensive.' Please.

Mr SAUNDERS: I withdraw the comments—

Mr SPEAKER: The member for Callide found offensive.

Mr SAUNDERS:—that the member for Callide found offensive.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you.

Mr SAUNDERS: It has been two years since the Palaszczuk Labor government was elected and the Palaszczuk government is delivering for regional Queensland when I look at some of the projects that have been delivered in the Maryborough electorate in those two years. In my maiden speech—

An opposition member interjected.

Mr SAUNDERS: Mr Speaker, I do not need your protection from lightweights tonight. In my maiden speech I quoted President Obama that one voice can change a room, a room can change a city, a city can change a state and that state can change a nation, and that is exactly what has happened in my electorate in terms of some of the projects that have been delivered by this government. This is the Palaszczuk government delivering for regional Queensland. We were forgotten—absolutely forgotten—under the LNP. It has been two years and people in my electorate have not forgotten that. Those opposite are still struggling to find a candidate in Maryborough because the people have not forgotten what those opposite did to this magnificent city and electorate. They have not forgotten it and they will never, ever forget what the LNP did to Maryborough. I will make sure that I never let those opposite forget either, because they brought that great city to its knees.

The Palaszczuk government has delivered great services to regional Queensland and particularly to my electorate. We have roads and spending in schools we have never had before. It beggars belief that for three years the electorate had a member of the government who could not get a dollar. The member for Callide talked about an intersection, and I note that the minister and member for Yeerongpilly is in the chamber. The Urraween Road and Maryborough intersection was delivered within 14 months of the Palaszczuk Labor government. There will be 120 jobs in Maryborough city from a solar farm, and I thank the minister for that once again because this has been a very big boost for our economy. There are many more jobs in the pipeline from this company. How many jobs did the LNP deliver in Maryborough? It took plenty of jobs away—heaps and heaps of jobs away—but the Palaszczuk government is delivering for regional Queensland, especially the Maryborough electorate. 2017 is going to be a great year for the Maryborough electorate.