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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (5.26 pm): It is obvious from the debate today that there is a huge amount of grandstanding going on from the member for Rockhampton, the Hon. Bill Byrne. It is obvious as well that it was the Queensland LNP that took action when this do-nothing, incompetent Palaszczuk government sat back. We saw a lot of grandstanding by the member for Rockhampton. The ultimate outcome that was facing those 40-odd landholders has been the right one—that is, that the Prime Minister came out and reassured those graziers and landholders that there would be no forced land acquisitions. That was the right decision to be made. I have an email from one of those landholders who saw it for exactly what it was, and I will get to that email later.

We need to look after our graziers and landholders. We need to protect the beef industry in Queensland. There are several questions that need to be asked. Where was the Labor Party when the Labor Party shut down the beef industry with the live cattle trade? Where was the member for Rockhampton at that stage? Where has the member for Rockhampton been in all those years since? Where has the member for Rockhampton been standing up for the graziers of Queensland against the vegetation management laws? Where was the current Minister for Agriculture then? A sigh of relief went through the grazing industry in Queensland when the Minister for Agriculture was made the Minister for Police. They all thought they should sigh with relief until they were all accused of being gun-toting lone cowboys. That is how much respect this person has for the beef industry in Queensland. Then when this incompetent Labor government got rid of another incompetent minister, who does this Palaszczuk government relegate to the bottom of the chain when it comes to agriculture? As always, poor old Bill gets put at the bottom. Agriculture and the grazing industry should be up the top of the ministry.

Mr Byrne: Agriculture was elevated. That is why I am sitting here and not down there.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Thank you, Minister. Thank you, members.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Even though the minister is sitting on the front bench and ministerial portfolio contains the words 'regional economic development', he should not be so proud given that he supports the Labor government that has got one per cent of regional funding out from their so-called Building our Regions fund. He should know that the people of regional Queensland, particularly those in Central Queensland, are laughing at this government. One per cent—and they say that they are a government for regional Queensland! There is only one party that stands up for graziers in Central Queensland, that stands up for rural and regional Queensland, and that is the LNP.

The LNP raised this alarm with the Prime Minister. It took the Leader of the Opposition to make a call to the Prime Minister, and that is what he did. Where was the Premier on this issue? She had to ring Evan Moorhead and say, 'Excuse me, Evan. Can I please have Pauline's number?'—this is the Premier—'because even though I am the Premier of Queensland, I know nothing.' We have heard that again. What has this Premier ever done for rural and regional Queensland? She has appointed someone who calls graziers lone cowboys the Minister for Agriculture. She has appointed Minister for Agriculture someone who obviously supported the closing of the live beef cattle export industry. That is diabolical for the grazing industry of Queensland.

I am proud to be part of the LNP government. I will read this email from Kirstie Olive. It states—
THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! ... I can't begin to explain how relieved I am ...
I look forward to celebrating the LNP back in government next year!