



Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**


**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Regional Queensland, Infrastructure**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (2.54 pm):  
Annastacia Palaszczuk, the Premier of this state, bangs on about listening to people in regional Queensland. That takes more than an Akubra, a pair of RM Williams boots and a cheesy grin. Country people can see right through this government.

**Government members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, if you persist you will be warned. If you persist to the level of interjections that the member for Hinchinbrook made, you will be formally warned and put on the *Notice Paper*.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Country people have seen right through this government and country people have seen right through this Premier. Now we see that 67 per cent of people agree that the LNP's Royalties for the Regions project was the right policy for regional Queensland. That program was delivering real regional infrastructure projects and not projects that should be delivered automatically by the departments, which is what this government is doing.

All over Queensland, projects have benefited from the LNP's Royalties for the Regions program. That program delivered wonderful community projects such as the Karumba swimming pool, which allows local kids to swim in a swimming pool instead of swim with crocodiles. I want to talk about projects such as the Roma levee bank, which we were able to deliver to protect people such as Ann Leahy, the member for Warrego, from floods. Under a Labor government, the Charleville levee bank took 10 years to build.

**Mr Power** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Deputy Leader of the Opposition, I apologise. Member for Logan, you are warned under standing order 253A.

**An honourable member** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Thank you, but he does not need a cheer squad.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Not only has Labor watered down regional infrastructure projects; it has halved them. Worse than that, this Premier said she was going to accelerate her regional program. Guess what that acceleration did for the poor minister sitting over there? He was only able to deliver one per cent of the accelerated regional infrastructure project. One per cent of regional projects were delivered under this incompetent minister, because this incompetent Premier said that she was going to accelerate the program. I would hate to see it if she really did want to accelerate it.

We can talk about so many important projects that country people get benefit from. One of the most important projects was the Mount Perry Road. Deaths were occurring on that gravel road. Consecutive Labor governments refused to bitumen it but, thanks to the LNP, it was bitumened under the Royalties for the Regions program. That program worked and it did deliver for regional Queensland. It is about time this incompetent Labor government got it and started to deliver for regional Queensland.