



Speech By
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MEMBER FOR NANANGO

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MOTION: VEHICLE REGISTRATION

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (5.44 pm): I rise to support the motion moved by the member for Glass House, but first I believe I should correct the record. The Treasurer did take my interjection and I thank him for that, but when I was interjecting—and this is for *Hansard*—I was actually screaming about the 40 per cent—

Government members interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Yes, you can laugh. I was screaming about it because it was about the 40 per cent youth unemployment rate in the outback. I actually got that figure wrong. The shadow Treasurer rightly corrected me because, as of today, youth unemployment in the outback sits at 48 per cent—48 per cent. Yet the Treasurer of Queensland—

Mr Pitt interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Treasurer, the deputy leader deserves to be heard.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you, Madam Deputy Speaker. Whilst I am talking about those figures, youth unemployment in Townsville sits at 21.8 per cent.

I rise to speak in support the motion moved by the member for Glass House because we all know that families are hurting. We all know, as we get about Queensland, that they cannot trust this Labor government. Again, mums and dads are going to get their registration papers and what will they see? They will see another increase. They have had an increase in year 1 of Labor, an increase in year 2 of Labor and now they are going to cop another 3.5 per cent increase in their registration. That is their record. If we go back to the former Labor government under Beattie and Bligh, when the current Premier was the transport minister and the Treasurer, the education minister and the health minister were in cabinet, what did they do with registration then? They increased it by 30 per cent over four years. This government's record is a 3.5 per cent increase but when we look back to previous Labor governments we see increase upon increase upon increase because this is all Labor governments know what to do.

When they went to the last election they said they were not going to increase taxes, fees or charges. What have those opposite done? In the last two budgets they have increased registration by 3.5 per cent. They have increased taxes, fees and charges by 3.5 per cent. They have also brought in a tax—the foreign investor tax. Let us not forget that—this from a Treasurer who went to the election saying he would not increase any taxes, fees or charges. They have increased registration year on year on year because that is all Labor know what to do. They do not know how to manage the economy except for hitting the hip pockets of mums and dads. When we were in government we froze registration.

A government member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I am pretty sure we were not accused of that. We froze car registration. We did not even increase it by CPI. Instead, this Treasurer and an incompetent ministry have increased registration by twice the CPI—3.5 per cent when CPI only sits at around 1.8 per cent. We have made a

pledge. The shadow transport minister talked about it. I encourage everyone in the chamber and all of your constituents to go to www.fairerrego.com.au and make your complaint against this lazy Palaszczuk government for increasing our taxes, fees and charges by 3.5 per cent year on year.

Who knows what other fees and charges are going to come in this budget? We have already seen the money grab from this Labor government over car registration year in, year out. They have no understanding that mums and dads are out there hurting. They have no idea they have just cruelled a \$16 billion project. They have absolutely cruelled regional Queensland by their incompetence this week, with the left leaking against the right and the right leaking against the left. Then I think we had the leader of the left leaking again against the right just today. Who knows what is going to happen tomorrow.

An opposition member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It is complete chaos. I take that interjection. Regional Queenslanders would understand if money was being spent on their roads, but this government is just ripping the guts out of rural and regional Queensland, and it has to stop.

(Time expired)