



Speech By  
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**MOTION: PALASZCZUK LABOR GOVERNMENT, POLICIES**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (6.00 pm): I move—

That this House condemns the Palaszczuk government for its politically motivated policy decisions creating investor uncertainty and destroying jobs for Queensland.

There is no greater example of this than the ASF decision made by the Premier last week on the Gold Coast. Queensland should be an economic powerhouse. That is the state that I grew up in and that is the state that the LNP wants to see. This state should be an economic powerhouse, but what is it under this incompetent Labor government? We are falling further and further and further behind. Why are we falling behind? Who would have confidence in investing in this great state with those incompetents opposite? A business trying to set up in Queensland would have no certainty due to this government and the way it changes the goalposts each and every day. There is no certainty for regulation. There is no certainty around the government and what decisions it is going to make from day to day. Its decision to scrap a multibillion dollar development at The Spit will have long-lasting negative impacts not just on the Gold Coast but across this great state.

Business community groups have come out and asked why they would invest in Queensland when this government is in power. It gives with one hand and takes with the other. Let us not forget that this decision was not a decision made with the coast or Queensland's best interests in mind; it was a decision made simply to stave off the threat of Greens in inner-city Labor held seats. Once again Labor's dominant left faction, worried about green votes, killed off a project that would have created thousands of jobs. It could have provided billions of dollars to the Queensland economy, but now Queensland is being seen simply as a costly and, unfortunately, an unattractive place to do business under Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk.

The ANZ-Property Council survey lists Queensland's Labor as the worst performing government in Australia. Let me say that again, because I know there are some people in the gallery: can you believe that this great state of Queensland is being listed as the worst government in Australia? We on this side of the House believe it because each and every day we are seeing the politically driven decisions that are made by this government and how they are hurting our communities. They are hurting the community on the Gold Coast. Those decisions are hurting the people in rural and regional Queensland and they are certainly hurting the whole state. The ANZ-Property Council survey says that Queensland Labor is the worst performing government. The Sensis Business Index shows that more than 80 per cent of businesses in Queensland believe Labor's policies either work against them or have no positive impact on them at all. According to the Resources Council survey, poor regulation and policy uncertainty is the biggest issue facing the mining industry. Major projects have stalled while engineering construction activity has almost halved in the last two years.

The ASF decision is just one of the latest projects that has been either stalled or killed off by a government whose decisions have seen upwards of \$20 billion of investment leave this state. Let me talk about some of those projects. There is ASF mark I. In 2015 Minister Lynham said—

I am pleased to confirm that the government and ASF have agreed to continue the IRD procurement process on a site located between Sea World and the Gold Coast Fisherman's Co-operative which formed part of the original proposal.

He then went on to say that it—

... is an important project for this state. As the people of the Gold Coast and the mayor of the Gold Coast have told me, it is a very important project for the Gold Coast.

Then what happened? There was a massive backflip by Minister Lynham and by the Premier who decided to rip the rug out from underneath anyone who wants to invest in Queensland due to the—

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