



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.23 am): This week the pain and suffering that Annastacia Palaszczuk has inflicted on families and small businesses was laid bare. This is a government of cons, costs and crisis. This Premier has decided—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. I urge all members to refer to other members of the House by their appropriate titles. I know that there have been errors from both sides. Starting now, all members will refer to other members by their proper titles.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** As I was saying, this is a government of cons, costs and crisis. This Premier has presided over—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. I think Hansard is having difficulty hearing. I am. As I cannot hear, I invite the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to start again.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** As I said, this is a government of cons, costs and crisis. This Premier has presided over the highest power costs in Queensland's history. This Premier uses power as a secret tax. This Labor tax grab is abhorrent. Family power bills are up \$50 every year. Small business—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr PITT:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I am not sure if I heard the member for Nanango correctly, but I understand that she is suggesting a secret tax and is talking about electricity, which I believe may be the subject of the motion we are meant to be debating this evening. I hope I heard incorrectly.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** It is obvious though those opposite cannot stand the truth.

**Mr PITT:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order—

**Mr SPEAKER:** I am seeking clarification. Was there a reference to the matter currently before the House, Deputy Leader of the Opposition?

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I am happy to move on.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Thank you, members. I will review *Hansard*. I ask the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to move on and not refer to anything before the House at the moment.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I happy to move on. This week, according to the latest CCIQ survey, desperate Queensland small business owners are saying that they have no choice but to cut jobs and pass costs on to their customers because of this incompetent Labor government,

led by the member for Inala. Cons, costs and crisis is all we have seen under this Premier and this government. This government says that it cares about jobs, but the opposite is the truth. We have seen youth unemployment in the regions sitting at 56 per cent. I am sure those youth would like to hear what the Premier said about their jobs this morning.

Let us look at costs. Car registration costs have increased 3½ per cent year on year—twice the rate of inflation. That is not to mention how registration costs went up 30 per cent when the now Premier was transport minister under Anna Bligh. Now we will see all of the costs Queenslanders will face as a result of Labor's latest bungle, the right royal ID scanner stuff-up. Forget the Battle of Brisbane: it is the bungle of Brisbane and it is costing all Queenslanders. Labor were not content with only Queenslanders knowing how bad they are; now the whole world has to see. In all seriousness, this will cost dearly not only our reputation but also the jobs of all Queenslanders.