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**MATTERS OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

***Backing Queensland Jobs***

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (3.42 pm): Backing Queensland jobs is just what Labor in government does. As a candidate three years ago I stood on many doorsteps and had many phone conversations with people in my community hurting from the cruel LNP cuts under the Newman-Nicholls government—conversations with bridled hurt, frustration, sadness and humiliation; conversations that are easily remembered very vividly and which drive me every day to be part of a better government.

We back people in while those opposite cut, sell and sack. Our procurement strategy, *Backing Queensland Jobs*, will see the framework for our government—a significant purchaser of goods and services—to create jobs and build local economies. This is a fundamental game changer and will reshape the way that our government does business. With the guiding principle of putting Queenslanders first, the government will ensure that local suppliers, manufacturers and service providers are prioritised for government work. We will support local businesses and this will create local jobs.

When we say 'local' we mean local: businesses which maintain a workforce within 125 kilometres of where the work is required will be given a bonus weighting of up to 30 per cent in all tender assessments, expanding to the local region and then broader Queensland if a supplier is not available. We will ensure that at least one local or regional supplier is invited to tender or quote for every procurement opportunity. This is about levelling the playing field so local businesses, particularly our local small businesses, can get involved in government procurement. It is something my local small businesses have been calling out for, and it is something that I am very proud to be a part of.

This will build upon the 94,500 new jobs that have been created under our economic plan since elected in January 2015. The Newman-Nicholls government had no new ideas and no job security, and Queensland had no future under the LNP. It is little wonder there was an outright rejection of the LNP in my community at the last election. The Palaszczuk Labor government knows that there is no better source of hope and opportunity than a job, but we also know that there is pressure on families. Our government is committing \$100 million a week to provide rebates and concessions to help those who are doing it the toughest with their household bills including electricity and public transport.

Under those opposite we experienced the pain of a 43 per cent electricity price hike, we saw 14,000 public servants lose their jobs, we saw attacks on our public hospitals and health services, and we saw programs that support, train and educate those who need it most and TAFEs ripped apart. Under their counterparts in Canberra we have seen penalty rates callously slashed, \$100,000 university degrees and community legal centres having to fight to maintain their funding. These are not just the actions of bad Liberal-National governments. These are the actions of Liberal-National governments doing what they fundamentally believe in. This Palaszczuk Labor government will ensure that Queenslanders always come first.