




Speech By
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MOTION: NEW CHUM, WASTE FACILITY

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (6.01 pm): I move—

That this House calls on the Palaszczuk government to call in the proposed superdump at New Chum in Ipswich and rule it out.

Putting a tax on Queenslanders to solve an interstate dumping issue around the suburbs of Ipswich is a lazy policy response from a lazy government that will impact on Queenslanders across this great state. The Treasurer—‘Taxing’ Treasurer Trad—is not happy with four taxes; she has to bring in five taxes. Why does this government not stand up for the people of Ipswich? Why does this government not stand up for the people of Queensland? What is wrong with Ipswich? There are good people in Ipswich. I went to school in Ipswich and I know the Premier went to school in Ipswich. What does this Premier have against the good people of the City of Ipswich?

That is not only our view; it is the view of industry groups across Queensland such as the Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Queensland’s peak small business group. In a media statement released yesterday it stated—

Queensland businesses who are at the forefront of waste reduction in this state are going to be penalised with a levy that has arisen on the back—

Mrs D’ATH: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. As much as the government is more than happy to talk about the waste levy, the opposition should have drafted its motion about the waste levy if that is what it wants to talk about.

Mr SPEAKER: I have had a very close look at the motion as it is drafted. I think the Leader of the House has a point in terms of relevance. I ask you to make sure that you are being relevant to the motion as it stands.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you, Mr Speaker. In relation to your ruling, I note that the government spent the morning’s session of this parliament talking about superdumps hand in hand with the reason it needs a waste levy.

Mr SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, that is not a reason to ignore the relevance ruling. I ask you to make sure that you are relevant to the motion.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Thank you, Mr Speaker. ‘Taxing’ Treasurer Trad has nothing else—

Mr SPEAKER: Correct titles, please.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Sorry, the Treasurer of Queensland who likes taxes. I will continue the quote from the CCIQ—

of poor behaviour of southern operators, and lazy policy by the Queensland government.

That is not a quote from the LNP; that is a quote from an industry group in Queensland. The CCIQ stated further—

Claims this will not impact Queensland households is rubbish, mum and dad business owners are Queensland householders, workers in small businesses will need to find ways to absorb the costs which could result in less hours, no wage rises or job losses—

and guess what—

impacting Queensland households.

This week, we have seen Labor's fifth tax on Queenslanders that was not promised at all at the last election. All we see is dishonest political trickery from this government.

I want to talk about the dump in Ipswich, which we believe the government should be ruling out. No-one in Queensland, particularly the LNP, wants Queensland to be the dumping ground for rubbish from New South Wales. The report that was released by the government just yesterday showed that, under the Labor government, the volume of waste from other states transported into Queensland has skyrocketed. It was thanks to the LNP that this data is now available so that policy can be implemented based on facts and not political spin. It is obvious that Labor has no clue how to govern this state. It should be looking into illegal dumping.

This report shows that Labor has dropped the ball. That is why the LNP had a comprehensive litter and illegal dumping action plan. After three years of Labor, absolutely nothing has happened. All we have seen is more trucks coming up and over the border because of this incompetent, lazy Labor government that has no plan but to implement a tax.