



Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**

**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**MOTION**

**Domestic and Family Violence, Public Service Leave Provisions**



**Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (5.00 pm): I move—

That this House—

1. notes the Palaszczuk Labor government's policy to give 10 extra days of taxpayer funded leave per year to perpetrators of domestic and family violence; and
2. calls on the Palaszczuk Labor government to scrap its absurd policy that perversely rewards perpetrators of domestic and family violence.

This is a motion that should never, ever have had to come before this House. Domestic and family violence is a horrific and horrendous scourge in our community. Under this Labor government we have seen a police officer release personal details of a victim to her offender. Under this Labor government we have seen a minister who has failed to properly implement new parole alert laws for domestic violence victims months after they passed into law. Now we have seen this government go one step further.

Those opposite in the Labor Party think it is acceptable and appropriate to give 10 extra days of taxpayer funded leave—that is, 10 days on top of normal holiday leave—to domestic violence perpetrators. They are giving it to the people who are committing these heinous crimes on others in this great state. I put it to you, Mr Speaker, and this House that not one person in their right mind would think this is acceptable. Not one person should think that giving domestic violence perpetrators 10 days of taxpayer funded leave to rehabilitate is a good idea.

This leave is offensive to the victims. It is offensive to the most vulnerable members of our community. It is offensive to the men, women and children who are fleeing domestic violence.

**Government members** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Those opposite interject and say, 'How else do they get rehabilitated?' In their own time—that is how. This leave is offensive. This leave is offensive to Queensland taxpayers whose money is being wasted giving domestic violence offenders and perpetrators leave. This leave is meant to be in place for domestic violence victims to attend court, to attend counselling or to move house due to a domestic violence situation.

**Ms Grace:** Support it federally. Go and write to your mates.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I take that interjection. The interjection that I am hearing from the Minister for Industrial Relations is disgraceful. We are talking about protecting our most vulnerable men, women and children who have been the victims of domestic violence. There is not one person in Queensland who should not stand up for the fact that we should be doing everything we can to get rid of the scourge of domestic violence across this great state. I will continue to stand here and fight on behalf of those good people. To think that this state of Queensland under a Labor government gives these people 10 extra days leave is reprehensible.

This is an arrogant, out-of-touch government that had to be dragged kicking and screaming to vote for tougher new domestic violence laws. This arrogant and out-of-touch government voted no four times for the LNP's tough DVs laws while three mothers of murdered DV victims looked on sobbing from the gallery. Where were the Labor members? They voted against those laws four times. That is what the Labor Party's record is on domestic violence victims in this state. The LNP will stand up for domestic violence victims in this great state. We will not pay for an extra 10 days leave for perpetrators. I urge everyone in this House to vote against this leave allowed by this Labor government.

*(Time expired)*