




Speech By
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MOTION

Palaszczuk Labor Government, LNP Plan

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (4.19 pm): Let us call this motion for what it is. This motion would be humorous if it was not so embarrassing. I am very happy to start where the member for Toowoomba South finished, with the *Townsville Bulletin*: 'Extra Cops Locked Down', 'Hydrogen Hotspot', 'Powering jobs: \$132 million boost for Kidston project' and 'Lobster on Menu for North', a \$500 million aquaculture industry that the Palaszczuk Labor government will unlock for North Queensland. I table those.

Tabled paper: Article from the *Townsville Bulletin*, dated 2 September 2019, titled 'Extra Cops Locked Down' [1451](#).

Tabled paper: Article from the *Townsville Bulletin*, dated 3 September 2019, titled 'Lobster on menu for North' [1454](#).

Tabled paper: Article from the *Townsville Bulletin*, dated 4 September 2019, titled 'Powering Jobs' [1452](#).

Tabled paper: Article from the *Townsville Bulletin*, dated 3 September 2019, titled 'Hydrogen Hotspot' [1453](#).

When it comes to my portfolio, this motion calls on the House to do a number of things. Firstly, it calls on the House to support the LNP's half-baked tokenistic Built in Queensland program. I say to the Leader of the Opposition that I will never, ever support a plan that would reduce funding for manufacturing in Queensland by \$26 million and spend the rest on advertising. The government will stick to the plan that Queenslanders back, and that is the \$46 million Made in Queensland program which is all about helping manufacturers buy equipment and support jobs.

Next up we see the LNP calling on the House to support the LNP's plan to open up the Galilee Basin. The Leader of the Opposition does not have to waste an hour of the House's time on a half-baked motion.

Mr Molhoek interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Southport, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr DICK: All she has to do is ring the federal coalition minister for the environment who has had the approval for the China Stone coalmine on his desk opening up the Galilee Basin for 280 days. That is what the LNP thinks about opening coalmines. After 280 days there is still no approval for that mine.

The Leader of the Opposition abdicates all responsibility when it comes to revenue measures in the state, but she does want to spend \$7 billion of public money on unfunded promises. The people of Townsville will be absolutely delighted to know that the Leader of the Opposition wants to build a new freeway on the Gold Coast, a railway to the Sunshine Coast, and at least for a while she wanted to fund air conditioning in every private school in Brisbane. There is one question the people of Townsville and Queensland have to ask and that is: where is the money coming from? The Deputy Leader of the Opposition answered that this morning. He talked about debt. It is possibly the first time he has talked about debt since it became irresponsible and irrelevant for him to do that. Remember when he said that it was irresponsible and irrelevant to talk about debt? This morning the Deputy Leader of the Opposition said it was no wonder that hard decisions had to be made.

Mr Krause interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Scenic Rim, you will use correct titles.

Mr DICK: Hard decisions means Strong Choices and the people of Townsville know what those words mean. Strong Choices means cut, sack and sell. The LNP just do not get it. They have gone from Campbell Newman to Campbell Newman's Treasurer to Campbell Newman's assistant Treasurer as leader of the LNP. We find Strong Choices dead, buried and resurrected when the Leader of the Opposition talks about competition in the energy sector. Privatisation is in their DNA. Do not take my word for it, take the word of Sam Cox, the former LNP member for Thuringowa. He said he was going to fire one straight into the wheelhouse of the Queensland LNP—right into the LNP ship.

Mr Boothman interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Theodore, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr DICK: The end of that letter to the editor was touching, was it not? He said, 'Please, LNP, with an election due next year give us a captain and a squad that will win the premiership.' What is the problem with the LNP and Townsville? We know the member for Currumbin's view. She had to be dragged to Townsville. We know the member for Broadwater's view. He could not wait to get to the Gold Coast. We know the former member for Thuringowa's view. He believes the LNP's commitment was so good to Townsville, so great to this city, that he defected to One Nation. That is the view of the former LNP member for Thuringowa.

When he was premier, Campbell Newman's brand of howitzer economics absolutely flattened confidence in Townsville. That was the legacy of those opposite: job cuts, economic growth down, flattening confidence in this city.

Mr Batt interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Bundaberg, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mr DICK: That has been rebuilt under the Premier and the Palaszczuk Labor government. I say to honourable members that this motion should be opposed. Only Labor will back in Townsville and back in the north.