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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (5.21 pm): I rise to speak in support of the Deputy Leader of the Opposition's motion before the House today and want to place on record on behalf of my state LNP team our congratulations to Scott Morrison, the Prime Minister of this great country. I want to place on record the LNP state team's congratulations to the entire federal LNP team for getting back into government in Canberra again. In particular, I want to congratulate a couple of members who really have gone above and beyond such as Phillip Thompson in Herbert. How good is Phil Thompson in Herbert, a former Young Australian of the Year? What about Michelle Landry? As the member for Surfers Paradise said, she achieved an unbelievable 11 per cent swing.

Mrs Lauga interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I can hear the interjections from the member for Keppel, and I am more than happy to take those interjections because it was the member for Keppel who started the tirade in the commentary against the Palaszczuk government after the loss of Bill Shorten, and good riddance! This was a member of parliament who found her voice after she realised that the Premier of Queensland and the Deputy Premier of Queensland did not realise that there is a Queensland outside of South Brisbane. The member for Keppel said that—

The Palaszczuk government needed to have a hard look at themselves in the mirror.

This is a government that is deeply divided. Unlike those opposite, it is the LNP team that represents all of Queensland. I have said it in this House on numerous occasions, and I will say it again today: I am from the bush. I am very proud to be a regional member. Each and every day that I come to work in Brisbane I bring a little bit of the bush with me. An LNP government would never, ever forget about the regions like the Palaszczuk government does.

I cannot just repeat the member for Keppel's words, because there are so many to choose from. The member for Mackay, the member for Rockhampton and the member for Mundingburra all lined up to ridicule the Palaszczuk government. The member for Woodridge could not be found for three days. When he was found he was asked for a comment about whether he was going to roll the Deputy Premier and his comment was, 'No comment,' but then three days later the member for Woodridge decided to front up to the media cameras in front of a shark tank. It was a bit opportune. We do not know where the member for Cooper was because she had gone missing completely—in the freezer I think we have heard—completely in—

An opposition member: Quarantine.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Yes, completely in quarantine. The Palaszczuk Labor government is a deeply divided government that has only just worked out that there is a bigger, broader Queensland outside of inner-city Brisbane. We know that it is a city-centric cabinet. We know that. You do not have to trust our words, Mr Speaker, because those words have come from the member for Mundingburra,

the member for Keppel, the member for Rockhampton, the member for Mackay and the member for Maryborough. I could go on, but there is simply not enough time left in today's debate. We know that the Palaszczuk Labor government is divided. We know that it has forgotten about the regions. It is only the LNP that will govern for all of Queensland. We know that there is one big Queensland out there, not just the one inner-city seat that is called South Brisbane.