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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.18 am): What an absolute joke! This shows that the Premier is under pressure. It shows that the Palaszczuk government is so extraordinarily out of touch that they have to come into this House and cover up their own incompetence. Right now, 66 per cent of the state of Queensland is in drought. Who is in government in Queensland? That would be the Palaszczuk government! What have they done for the past five years? Not one thing to help regional Queensland!

We had to call upon this incompetent minister for agriculture to get the drought committees together. An area around Kilkivan in the north-western part of the Gympie shire is screaming out to get its drought committee together. Where is the minister for agriculture? He is completely missing in action! Where is this Premier when farmers are struggling and children do not have enough water to shower before going to school? Where is the Palaszczuk government? It is missing in action!

Which governments have had to look after water for Stanthorpe? That would be the Berejiklian government in New South Wales and that would be the federal Morrison government. We have the Morrison government standing up when it comes to the drought and filling in the gaps. It is doing the heavy lifting because the Palaszczuk government is completely out of touch with regional Queensland.

What is its plans for dams in Queensland? Let us talk about the Rockwood Weir. Annastacia Palaszczuk thinks the best idea is to make it a puddle—to reduce the size of it because apparently concrete costs. That is not giving confidence to rural and regional Queensland. The Palaszczuk government is completely missing in action. They are anti regions, they are anti dams and that means they are anti jobs.

Let us remember the unemployment rate in rural and regional Queensland. Where has the Palaszczuk government been? Completely missing in action when it comes jobs, the infrastructure spend and helping out people in regional and rural Queensland. They have been missing in action. We know that they are anti regions, they are anti dams and they are anti jobs. It is only the LNP that has a plan for rural and regional Queensland.