




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR NANANGO

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MOTION

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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.44 am): What an absolute joke of a road transport minister we have over on that side of the House.

Opposition members: Foolish.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take that interjection from those on the left. He has been referred to as a foolish minister. We can call this package from the Prime Minister and the federal government the 'Bailing out Bailey' program for a hopeless Palaszczuk government that has been unable to do its job in the past five years. It has had to have the federal government come in and bail it out of its troubles. What is the unemployment rate in this state? Because of the incompetent government opposite, it is 6.5 per cent.

I will always stand up for all of Queensland, not just the south-east, not just for a few sprinkles of fairy dust. Water security is the No. 1 issue in Queensland. What deal did the Palaszczuk government do to try to support the town of Stanthorpe, which is drying up? The Premier's only solution to that problem is a \$1 million feasibility study. At a time when the Palaszczuk government could have done a deal with the federal government in relation to water security, what did we see? Absolutely nothing. Now, we have the Premier of this state announcing a \$1 million study that will not even be finished until April. Yet the town of Stanthorpe is going to run dry well before the April deadline.

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I have waited for two minutes for the member to address the motion. She has not. Can I suggest that she address the motion?

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order! Member for Nanango, I have given you a bit of latitude. I need you to come back to the motion.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It was interesting to note that the minister wanted me to go back to the 'Bailing out Bailey' conversation. Where was this minister—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock.

Ms TRAD: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Protection racket.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Nanango, you need to address members by their correct title, please.

Mr BAILEY: I rise to a point of order. Mr Deputy Speaker, I believe the Leader of the Opposition just said the words 'protection racket' in relation to your chairing. Can I ask if that is appropriate under the rules? I heard that very distinctly.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Minister, I did not take it as a reflection upon the chair. I have given the ruling. Member for Nanango, you have 38 seconds remaining.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: When I talk about water security, it does not stop at water security for rural and regional Queensland. I am talking about water security for all of Queensland, whether it is for the Gold Coast or Stanthorpe. I acknowledge the hard work and dedication that the member for Southern Downs is putting into his community, in standing up for his community, in making sure that his community has water security, not just a \$1 million feasibility study.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Member for Nanango, I have given you a very clear direction. You need to come back to the motion. It is not about water security. I need you to come back to the motion being debated.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Hence my point. In relation to the motion that is before the House, it is this side of the House that will always stand up for all of Queensland.

(Time expired)