




Speech By
Hon. Grace Grace

MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Labour Movement

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for Education and Minister for Industrial Relations) (9.32 am): I give notice that I shall move—

That this House joins together on 1 May to recognise and celebrate the historic achievements of the labour movement in improving the lives of workers in Australia and notes and supports the initiatives of the Palaszczuk government in improving the working lives of Queenslanders, including providing safer workplaces and secure jobs for Queenslanders by:

1. taking urgent action on silicosis in the manufactured benchtop industry;
2. reforming workers compensation arrangements and processes to support victims of black lung and other dust lung diseases;
3. introducing industrial manslaughter laws;
4. establishing nation-leading labour hire licensing laws;
5. initiating a parliamentary inquiry into wage theft;
6. legislating 10 days paid domestic and family violence leave;
7. appointing a stand-alone workplace health and safety prosecutor;
8. calling for the Fair Work Commission to provide real wage rises for our lowest paid and oppose cuts to penalty rates;
9. returning Labour Day to where it rightly should be in May; as well as—

Mr Bleijie: Shame!

Mr SPEAKER: Sorry to interrupt you, Minister—

Ms GRACE: I take the interjection from the member for Kawana.

Mr SPEAKER: Minister, you may well take the interjection. I ask you to resume your seat. Member for Kawana and members to my left, I have afforded the courtesy to all members of this House when introducing or moving a motion that they be heard in silence. Member for Kawana, you are warned under the standing orders.

Ms GRACE: I continue—

10. repealing the attacks on working Queenslanders by the Newman government including by:
 - (a) reversing the cuts to front-line services and the sacking of 14,000 public sector workers;
 - (b) reinstating the rights of injured workers to take common law action by removing the LNP's unfair, arbitrary threshold;
 - (c) restoring the bargaining and workplace rights for our nurses, teachers, police, doctors, firefighters, ambulance officers, teacher aides, school cleaners and thousands of other public servants; and
 - (d) returning workplace entry rights to help protect worker safety in dangerous work sites.