



Speech By
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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (3.00 pm): It is remarkable that we have such a great advocate for the CFMMEU here—

Ms Richards: Their newest member.

Mr POWER: That is exactly right. The member for Kawana is their newest member. What I saw out there was that there were a reasonable number of burly guys in fluoro, but if you look very carefully—and I think the TV cameras will show this—you will see a particular smaller guy in fluoro who was yelling out, 'Hey, hey, ho, ho, Jackie Trad has got to go.' That is what he was yelling out. What helped to identify him was that not only was he wearing a beautiful fluoro jacket but he also had an accompanying fluoro pocket square. We know exactly who was out there leading the chants. It is really important that we have it on the record that a particular member of the opposition has said clearly that if the CFMMEU calls upon him to resign then he will resign instantly. It is on the record because he is their chief advocate in this place.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr POWER: More importantly, let me talk about the real matter before the House. It was a great day for Logan when the three greatest champions of education in this House came out to Logan to champion—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order! Pause the clock. Members to my left, I am having difficulties hearing the member for Logan.

Mr POWER: They love that little fluoro pocket square.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock.

Mr POWER: The three greatest champions of education in Queensland—

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Member for Logan, put the brakes on.

Mr POWER: Sorry.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Nanango, I just brought the House to order and you immediately interjected. You are now warned under the standing orders.

Mr POWER: The three greatest champions of education in Queensland—the member for Waterford, the education minister and the Premier—came out to Logan to see Marsden State High School where we were talking about our new policy of getting free apprenticeships. They saw the fantastic students at Marsden high school working in the trades training centre. We also went to the Yarrabilba secondary college, which is the new school that is being built there.

I also want to talk about the other things the Palaszczuk government has invested in through those great champions of education—the Logan village school has new classrooms; there are special education classrooms at Flagstone state college; the new Yarrabilba primary school is filling up very quickly; and of course there is the Park Ridge State School STEM block. That is over 30 new classrooms. I have said before that we know Logan is growing and we know new families are moving there. Over 30 new classrooms plus the teachers and the equipment have been moved into the state electorate of Logan. We need to compare that. When the opposition was in government, Logan was growing just as quickly, but how many classrooms were delivered? Are there any bids from the opposition? The answer, unfortunately, was that there were zero new classrooms developed in the growing area of Logan.

Mrs Frecklington interjected.

Mr POWER: I notice the member who has just been warned is calling out. The Leader of the Opposition was sitting on the CBRC when they failed to deliver for Logan. I know if they were ever elected again they would fail to deliver for Logan once again.