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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Glass House Electorate; New Bradfield Scheme

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (3.00 pm): This will be the fifth election I will have the privilege of contesting for the electorate of Glass House and for the great LNP. Sadly, it will be the first election that I will be contesting without my dear friend Joyce Newton by my side. Today it gives me great pleasure to announce the second recipient of the annual Joyce Newton OAM Memorial Bursary, Ebony King of Glass House Christian College. Ebony wrote a fantastic entry on the importance of the New Bradfield Scheme to the state of Queensland. She has picked up a \$1,000 voucher to spend at Concept IT Systems in Maleny and, should I be fortunate enough to be re-elected, dinner for her and her family here at Parliament House. I want to touch on a couple of the comments that Ebony wrote about in her application for the bursary. She wrote—

Queenslanders would directly benefit from the construction of the scheme. Queensland's regional communities would be secured for the future for good by taking advantage of Asia's massive demand for food. Tens of thousands of jobs and employment opportunities would be created due to the construction and maintenance of the new Bradfield Scheme, as well as having many long term jobs created from the expansion of high-value agriculture, and the increased employment opportunities in regional areas could revive rural communities ... Furthermore, new jobs in hydroelectricity production and management would be made, building Queensland's reputation as a clean, green and sustainable resource state into focus.

It is pretty clear that Ebony gets the importance of the New Bradfield Scheme and I think that the people of Queensland get the importance of the New Bradfield Scheme. It will be only a Deb Frecklington LNP government that delivers it. The LNP and I are here to fight for families, farmers and small businesses. We will do so by being part of a government that values lower taxes, water security, cheaper electricity and fuel, better health and education results and by tackling congestion and road safety.

As the October election fast approaches, I want to again thank the individuals and communities of Glass House for bestowing upon me the honour of being their representative. Together we have delivered a lot, but there is more to do. I want to see critical road infrastructure, such as the roads around Maleny, Steve Irwin Way, Mount Mee Road at Oceanview, Beerburrum Road between Elimbah and Beerburrum and the D'Aguilar Highway, continue to be improved and made safer. We want to keep kids safe, which is why we have already announced that an LNP government will install flashing school zone lights at Mooloolah State School. We want our communities to be healthier, which is why we have already announced \$1 million to help get the Maleny Hydrotherapy Centre up and running—something that was near and dear to Joyce Newton's heart. It will be the first part of the new indoor aquatic centre for the hinterland. It is why I am fighting for funding for organisations such as endED, which is a fantastic hinterland organisation that addresses eating disorders across the state of Queensland. It is only the LNP that can deliver all of that for Glass House and for the state of Queensland.