




Speech By
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MOTION

Coronavirus, Economic Response

 **Ms LAUGA** (Keppel—ALP) (4.19 pm): I can tell members that the only plan the LNP has if they form government in 2020 is to cut, sack and sell in Queensland. They will cut services. They will sell assets. They will sack public servants. That is exactly what those opposite will do. I strongly believe that that is the only plan those opposite have. They talk about no new taxes. They have a plan for all these things, but they do not talk about how they propose to pay for them.

Mr Lister interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Member for Southern Downs, direct your comments through the chair.

Ms LAUGA: They do not talk about how they propose to pay for them, but we know exactly how they will pay for them. They will cut services, sack public servants and sell our state owned assets.

I rise to speak in support of this motion and to support Queensland's Unite and Recover for Queensland Jobs plan. In particular, I welcome funding from Building our Regions round 5 for the Causeway Lake revitalisation business case to look at expanding recreational activities and the Yeppoon waste treatment sustainable energy project to install solar panels in partnership with Livingstone Shire Council. Both are wonderful local projects which will grow jobs and tourism. The Causeway Lake project will set the community up for the future. It is something that the people of Keppel have been asking for for a long time. I look forward to seeing more projects supporting more jobs through the \$200 million COVID Works for Queensland program.

The \$100 million for small business adaptation grants of up to \$10,000 for businesses below the payroll tax threshold will provide much needed support for smaller companies and tourism operators in Central Queensland. I have already had businesses contact me and say that they are very pleased about these grants. The \$50 million tourism industry support package, including \$25 million in grants for tourism infrastructure, will help position our tourism operators to be competitive when restrictions ease and travel can resume within Queensland and later on within the nation.

I know that the \$50 million tourism package announced by the tourism minister has been well received by the tourism industry. It will encourage domestic tourists to come back and visit our regions when the restrictions ease. I think it is a smart campaign to market our regions and get tourists thinking about making trips to our regional communities. I am fully supportive of Daniel Gschwind's comments that most of the potential projects for Queensland are in regional areas. I am very excited about the tourism marketing package in particular. I support the government's plan.

(Time expired)