




Speech By  
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**ELECTORAL AND OTHER LEGISLATION (ACCOUNTABILITY, INTEGRITY AND OTHER MATTERS) AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Ms McMILLAN** (Mansfield—ALP) (11.46 am), continuing: I begin by saying that my thoughts are with each and every Queenslander who has lost their job in the last few months. I cannot imagine what it would be like, having had full employment from when I left school. I cannot imagine what that instability and insecurity would feel like, particularly for a family with children.

The electoral bill amends the Electoral Act 1992 to provide for electoral expenditure caps for registered political parties and their associated entities, candidates and third parties involved in electoral campaigning, and caps on the giving to, and acceptance of, political donations to a registered political party and their associated entities, candidates and third parties involved in electoral campaigning. These changes will in turn reduce the scope for undue influence through private donations. The Palaszczuk government is absolutely committed to the maintenance of integrity, both at the state and local government level in Queensland.

Our democracy is precious. We cannot take it for granted. Instead, we need to progress reforms that strengthen our democracy and nurture access and availability for all to participate in it. The Palaszczuk government electoral reforms will create a more equitable playing field. In short, those with the most money do not have the loudest voice. The reforms will also ensure that every member of our community has the opportunity to have their say equally. These reforms will enhance the actual and perceived integrity and public accountability for state elections, and support public confidence in the state electoral processes and in our public institutions. Only the Palaszczuk government is truly committed to strengthening democracy in our great state.