




Speech By
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MOTION

Palaszczuk Labor Government, Coronavirus Response

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.48 am): Here we have it: the Palaszczuk government following the LNP's lead! It was 16 days ago, on 2 February, when I went down to the Gold Coast and stood with the LNP's candidate for Currumbin, the fabulous Laura Gerber—the local Laura Gerber.

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Stewart): Order, members!

Ms Fentiman interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Waterford, you are now warned under the standing orders.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will take that interjection because Laura Gerber is a fabulous local candidate. One of her children goes to Elanora State School. She was born in the private hospital in Currumbin. She got married at Elephant Rock. Her husband works for Neumanns. She was baptised at Palm Beach. That is someone who would be a good local member. Laura Gerber is a fabulous candidate for Currumbin. I look forward to continuing to campaign with the fabulous LNP candidate, Laura Gerber, in Currumbin.

Mr Power interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Pause the clock. Member for Logan, you have had a pretty good go this morning. You are now warned under the standing orders. Member for Nanango, before you resume the debate I ask you to come back to the motion.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I am pleased to do that because it was 16 days ago that Laura Gerber and I stood in Currumbin and announced the LNP's plan to save local tourism jobs because the Palaszczuk government was doing nothing. It was the LNP that had to stand up and force the government to do something—force the government to make an announcement. It was on that day that Laura Gerber said that one in seven local jobs depend on tourism and the LNP will fight to save each and every one. That is why I announced the LNP's plan to save tourism jobs lost because of the coronavirus. Where was the Premier in those 16 days? Was she standing up for those local jobs? She was completely and utterly silent! She was too busy trying to work out whether the Deputy Premier was going to remain the Deputy Premier or whether the member for Cooper was going to step up and become the Deputy Premier or maybe it was going to be the member for Woodridge.

Coming back to the motion, I announced on that day that the package would have interest-free loans for affected businesses and local economic development plans. It would involve working with regional tourism organisations and attracting more visitors by ramping up marketing in international tourism destinations. The LNP was leading the way in relation to this issue.