




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR NANANGO

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Queensland Border Closure

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.14 am): I give notice that I will move—

That this House:

1. notes the following in relation to border closures:
 - (a) the Prime Minister and Chief Medical Officer have said it is safe to open interstate borders;
 - (b) published on 8 May, the Premier's road map says that interstate travel will be permitted from 10 July;
 - (c) on 18 May that the Premier stated, 'I would say that things would look more positive towards September' and she would give people advice at the end of May;
 - (d) last year, 8.1 million interstate visitors travelled to Queensland;
 - (e) interstate travellers directly spent over \$9.2 billion in Queensland in 2019;
 - (f) the Palaszczuk government has not done economic modelling on closing the borders which the Gold Coast Central Chamber of Commerce President Martin Hall said, 'That is possibly the most ludicrous thing I have ever heard';—

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: The Treasurer is warned under the standing orders. I have made myself clear about listening to these motions.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: The motion continues—

- (g) Duffy Down Under Boat Hire owner Gordon Kerr, whom the Premier has met with, said last week the government was delusional to argue border closures had no impact on business;
 - (h) Dreamweavers event management Chief Operating Officer John Bond said it 'seems ridiculous other states appear to be getting on with business and Queensland isn't';
 - (i) Gold Coast restaurant owner Nuccia Fusco said 'that is not protecting Queenslanders at all by keeping them out of work, on the streets and desperate for money'; and
2. condemns the Premier for her mixed messages and thought bubbles on the reopening of the interstate border that has closed business and cost jobs across Queensland.