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## ADJOURNMENT

### Palaszczuk Labor Government, Redlands Coast

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.06 pm): The Redlands coast cannot afford Labor's tax-your-way-to-recovery approach. The hallmark of Labor's recovery plan is tax—new and higher taxes, fees, levies and charges, and also sneaky secret taxes and taxes hidden in excessive water prices. We should have a proper economic plan based on a proper budget and one scrutinised by this parliament, but Labor has no budget—just a plan to tax. The only thing certain about life under Labor governments is there would be more taxes. Again, I call on the government to release a budget and jobs recovery plan for the Redlands coast region including North Stradbroke Island.

Labor's 'Trad-broke' island scheme shows us what to expect across Queensland if Labor is in charge of the recovery into 2021. Over \$20 million was supposedly spent on Straddie but nothing has been built in four years. Labor's policy had decimated the jobs, the tourism operators and the small businesses before COVID-19 did any of its own damage. Instead of tourism investment in May promoting Straddie for a midyear recovery from around Queensland and interstate, Labor firstly kept Straddie and the borders closed. Secondly, they tripled the Straddie four-wheel drive beach access fees. Funnily enough, the tax tripling did not attract more people. Thirdly, caught out secretly planning a new fishing tax on recreational fishermen in Moreton Bay, Labor operatives told whoppers to cover for former treasurer Trad, but we know the secret tax is still in the planning. Fourthly, the latest kite Labor operatives tried to fly is to cut the number of four-wheel drive tourists to Straddie beaches. A poll in the *Redland City Bulletin* showed a majority of those surveyed oppose cutting four-wheel drive tourist numbers on Straddie beaches, but where do the local Labor MPs stand? Where do the members for Capalaba, Redlands and Springwood stand on growing tourism by cutting tourist numbers? Imagine that idea rolled out across the state.

Labor's economic mismanagement means in almost six years we have had nothing significant built by Labor in the Redlands coast. We need to start building things again—investing in Redland Hospital with car parking and an ICU, in Redlands roads and in the Stradbroke recovery. In four years, nothing has been built on Stradbroke Island. The Leslie Harrison Dam has no gates which means half a dam of drinking water goes out to sea—not to mention the 6.3 per cent water price hike that Redlands coast Labor MPs supported.

Four months out from an election, watch out for the symbolic sod turnings designed to give the illusion of action and building after years of neglect. We know you cannot tax your way to growth and you cannot put Labor in charge of the recovery. Only a vote for LNP candidates and a Frecklington LNP government can get Queensland back—

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