



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR PINE RIVERS**

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**MOTION**

**Queensland Border Closure**

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (5.36 pm): I rise to speak against this motion. In doing so I say that it is no surprise to me that the member for Burleigh is looking at flights so eagerly. If I recall correctly, this was the member who abandoned the parliament and trotted off to Canada. It is no wonder he is an advocate for opening up the borders when he abandoned this place—he was nowhere to be found; he did not even tell his own party—and trotted off to Canada. He went MIA; he could not be found. He was swilling maple syrup in the Northern Hemisphere. When he starts talking about a billboard around planes, people and jobs, we really do not have to think too hard about what the motivation behind that is.

One would think the Leader of the Opposition and those opposite would be trying to distance themselves from former senator Clive Palmer, but instead they have moved this motion and, in doing so, they are doing their bit to back in Mr Palmer's case. It has been over 140 days since COVID-19 reached Queensland. The total number of cases in Queensland is 1,066. This compares to the US, which now has over two million cases and over 100,000 deaths. Queensland's result is no coincidence. It is not luck—

**Ms Simpson:** They keep relying on the American numbers. There is a thing called an ocean between us and them. We don't have flights coming in from overseas, do we?

**Ms BOYD:** I take the interjections from the member for Maroochydore. The reason we are reflecting on the numbers in the US is that we just as easily could have had such a diabolical situation here in Queensland if it were not managed correctly.

**Mr Hunt:** But we don't.

**Ms BOYD:** If those opposite were at the helm I have no doubt whatsoever that we would be looking at just as diabolical a situation as our brothers and sisters are facing over in the United States. The result is not coincidence and it is not luck; it is thanks to the hard work of Queenslanders—our doctors, nurses, clinicians and public health workers as well as every Queenslanders who has stayed home and followed directions. Queensland's border closure—

**Ms Simpson** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): Pause the clock.

**Mr Hart** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Maroochydore, you are on a warning. Member for Burleigh, because you kept speaking while I was attempting to speak to the House, you can also go on a warning.

**Ms BOYD:** Thank you for your protection, Mr Deputy Speaker. I wonder if I start singing or quoting lyrics if she would leave me alone. Queensland's border closure has significantly—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Members will refer to each other by their correct parliamentary titles or I will sit the speaker down.

**Ms BOYD:** Queensland's border closure has significantly contributed to our state's low case numbers. Our borders remain closed because we cannot be complacent. Let us not forget that the initial modelling showed Queensland's death toll due to COVID-19 could have been 30 times greater than the total number of cases that we have seen. As the Deputy Premier said this morning, Beijing is currently experiencing a second wave. They have gone more than 50 days without a case and now have a severe outbreak of more than 100. They have shut down schools—

**Mr Hart** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Member for Burleigh, you can leave the chamber for one hour, please. You were asked to cease interjecting and you continued to do so.

*Whereupon the honourable member for Burleigh withdrew from the chamber at 5.40 pm.*

**Ms BOYD:** They have shut down their schools, and after all of the good work Queenslanders have done—

**Ms Simpson** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Member for Maroochydore, you can join the member for Burleigh.

*Whereupon the honourable member for Maroochydore withdrew from the chamber at 5.40 pm.*

**Ms BOYD:** After all the good work that Queensland has done, we do not want to see the COVID-19 community transmission that Victoria and New South Wales have experienced happening here. Despite what those opposite say, we are not out of the woods. This week New South Wales had 22 new cases; four have been locally acquired cases with an unknown source.

**Mr Hunt:** Four.

**Ms BOYD:** Is four okay? Is four deaths okay, member for Nicklin?

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member, you will put your comments through the chair.

**Ms BOYD:** In the past 24 hours Victoria has—

**Mr Hunt** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Nicklin, you are on a warning. Member for Pine Rivers, you will put your comments through the chair.

**Ms BOYD:** Thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker. In the last 24 hours, Victoria has had 21 new cases. Fifteen were from overseas and six were locally acquired—three known source and three unknown source. In terms of that unknown source, we need to avoid it at all costs. I know that many Queenslanders also want to keep the borders closed. I know this because, when I am out and about in my community, locals have told me so. They have also said to me, 'Do not be bullied by the opposition and their persistent cries.' The only people who do not understand that are the Leader of the Opposition and her woefully misguided colleagues. Why does the Leader of the Opposition remain determined to place the health of Queenslanders at risk? Why is the Leader of the Opposition so determined to undo all of the good work that Queenslanders have done in keeping this virus at bay? Why has the Leader of the Opposition so badly misread this serious situation? If members refer to the LNP road map to recovery—

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Please do not wave around props. If you are going to use it, table it or read from it. Those are your options.

**Ms BOYD:** I will table it, thank you, Mr Deputy Speaker.

*Tabled paper.* Document, undated, titled 'LNP's Roadmap to recovery' [\[921\]](#).

Members will see that the opening of the borders is proposed at the same time as our road map to recovery.