




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBERS' STATEMENT

SplashSide

 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (2.06 pm): On 12 June it was a slashing good day in Maryborough city. On 12 June the Assistant Minister for Local Government, the member for Pine Rivers, came up and opened SplashSide water park in Maryborough. This water park was funded by the rolled gold program called Works for Queensland. It is possibly one of the best programs any government has initiated in this state. Works for Queensland has enabled councils throughout Queensland to get things done that they could not afford to do from their rate base.

I thank Councillor Sanderson, Councillor Truscott and Mayor George Seymour from the Fraser Coast Regional Council whom I worked with on this project to make sure this project came to fruition. It is a fantastic water park. It is something that the children of Maryborough desperately needed. It was funded by the Palaszczuk Labor government and it was a \$3 million build.

When I go past there are kids there using it. We have just had to do some alterations to get it ready for summer. It was a bit cold on 12 June so the assistant minister and I did not go for a splash, but a lot of kids and their parents did. It is a fantastic thing for my community. Once again, that is the Palaszczuk government delivering for Queenslanders.

As I travel throughout regional Queensland, it is amazing the number of people who tell me how good Works for Queensland is. I was in Muttaborra—the dead centre of Queensland, as everyone knows—and I was looking at the Works for Queensland project there, the Muttaborrasaurus centre. It is absolutely fantastic. I was talking to some residents and travellers in Muttaborra the other day. The work out the front was done by the Barcaldine Regional Council under Works for Queensland. If one goes to Longreach, Aramac, Barcaldine and Blackall one finds that a lot of projects are done by councils under Works for Queensland.

Mr Tantari interjected.

Mr SAUNDERS: I take the interjection from the member for Hervey Bay. I know what is happening in Hervey Bay. We are in neighbouring electorates. There is a lot of work happening under Works for Queensland on the border of the Maryborough and Hervey Bay electorates. I know that the member for Hervey Bay is a strong advocate for Works for Queensland. We work well together. The people of Burrum Heads absolutely love Works for Queensland. We have a new boardwalk on the beachfront. That would never have been delivered by the Fraser Coast Regional Council, but was delivered through Works for Queensland.

As I keep saying, this is the rolled gold program for Queensland. It is delivering. No matter where you live in regional Queensland, this program is delivering services. It is delivering footpaths. It is delivering water parks. It is delivering anything that the council cannot afford to pay for out of their rate base. It is only being delivered by one government—the Palaszczuk Labor government.