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MOTION

JobKeeper

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (3.25 pm): Today in question time I was goaded by the Premier to co-sign a letter and just now I have been goaded by the minister to co-sign a letter. We are pretty efficient in the opposition office, so not only have I signed the letter but also it has been posted, and I will tell members why: when it comes to sticking up for Queensland, we will do it every day of the week.

The Premier was good enough to give me a copy of the letter. She has signed it. I have also signed it and on it I have written a personal note to the Prime Minister to advise him that I will not just rest there; I will also make sure that this House does some heavy lifting as well. The difference between my style and the Premier's style is she is always happy to have a whinge; I will have a win.

Members of this House have an opportunity now to come in here and have a crack at the things that we control. Those opposite can sit and whinge about Canberra all the time and they can get up and move clunky motions, or they can do something to make a difference. Right now this House needs to do a couple of things. One is that we need to stand united that Canberra must continue to support those businesses, those industries and those workers at ground zero. They need help, and we have done it in a manner forcefully yet respectfully. We believe that Canberra needs to do more.

I will tell members what my letter to the Premier shows. Since March each level of government has implemented some form of an assistance package. In the case of the federal government, it works out to be nearly \$50 per Australian. Even as we heard this morning with \$2 million for financial counselling, it is \$1.16 per Queenslander for this House. I will not allow the member for Cairns, I will not allow the member for Barron River and I will not allow the member for Cook to speak with forked tongues and say one thing in one part of the state and another here. The Premier has asked me to co-sign the letter. I have co-signed it, and I have posted it. I table the letter.

Tabled paper: Letter, undated, from the Premier and Minister for Trade, Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk, and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr David Crisafulli MP, to the Prime Minister, Hon. Scott Morrison MP, titled 'Urgent extension of JobKeeper' [409](#).

Tabled paper: Letter, dated 25 March 2021, from Leader of Opposition, Mr David Crisafulli MP, to the Premier and Minister for Trade, Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk, regarding letter to Prime Minister requesting continued support for industries impacted by COVID-19 [410](#).

I say to the Premier that I will work constructively every day of the week with the government, but I will tell members what else I will do: I will not let the government off the hook, because the response to COVID financially from this mob has been the worst in the nation—it has been the worst in the nation—and we have had businesses clinging by their fingertips waiting for this mob to do something. There is no way I will let the government off the hook with some shrill motion from a parliament that we have no say in when there are things we can do in here that we do control. That is what leadership looks like—having a win, not a whinge.