




Speech By  
**Deb Frecklington**

**MEMBER FOR NANANGO**

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**WASTE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING (PLASTIC ITEMS) AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (6.55 pm): I thank the minister for not filibustering for the last five minutes because I was hoping to fit my speech in. I rise to contribute to the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Plastic Items) Amendment Bill. This bill has the principal objective of banning the supply of single-use plastic items, starting with straws, stirrers, plates and cutlery. I would also like to put on record my congratulations and thanks to the shadow minister for the environment, the member for Bonney, who has done a fantastic job in this space.

Recycling is something that the LNP has supported for a long time. We will always support practical environmental initiatives, like those that have led to the end of single-use plastic bags. In fact, we went to the 2017 election with that policy—

**Ms Pease:** How did that go?

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I take the interjection from the member for Lytton over there. The member for Lytton appears to think that our constituents do not have a voice in this House, but I will give a little bit of a history lesson for the member for Lytton.

**Government members** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Ms Bush): Members, I remind you that the member for Nanango has the floor and you will put your interjections through the chair.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** The people of the opposition and the crossbench—

**Mr Power:** Address the chair.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Madam Deputy Speaker, the people of the opposition and the crossbench—

**Mr Langbroek** interjected.

**Mr Power** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Logan, I will caution you to stop interjecting.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** He is struggling, Madam Deputy Speaker. In relation to the constituents that we represent, we may not be in government but we have been elected into this great place—just like the member for Lytton and just like the Premier of Queensland—and we have the same right and ability to represent our constituents. Whether the member for Lytton likes it or not, we have been elected into this place.

The arrogance and the hubris that comes from those opposite with those types of statements is what will be the undoing of the Palaszczuk government. I look forward to continuing to stand right here representing my constituents, who support a piece of legislation like this, who support the ban on single-use plastic bags—that was our policy—and who support the container deposit scheme. I was about to talk about an extremely successful container deposit scheme in the electorate of Nanango, but

the former environment minister would be sitting there mortified by one of the backbenchers carrying on like this, because it was the Cherbourg MRF—which I will declare my husband had a great deal to do with—that was given an award by the former environment minister.

**Ms Pease** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Madam Deputy Speaker, I have no clue what the member for Lytton is going on about but obviously I am not taking her interjections. I am more than happy to if she speaks up.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members, we have one minute to go.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** In relation to the LNP support for practical environmental measures, we have been leading the charge. That is why we took the benchmark container deposit scheme policy to 2017 election, and guess what happened? The Palaszczuk government adopted it. I was the LNP's policy that we took to that election.