




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR NANANGO

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MOTION

Coronavirus, Vaccination Mandate

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (4.17 pm): I rise to speak to this motion like all of the members on this side of the House. It appears to be an own goal from the Palaszczuk government—and that is why half of them are not here—because we do support the AHPPC advice. What an own goal! As if the health minister has not had a bad enough day as it is after that question time, when she had to keep getting up trying to defend the absolute debacle that is happening in Queensland Health right now.

Let's have a look at this vaccination rate. Why is the vaccination rate so low in Queensland? I will tell you why: because it starts at the top. When the Premier of Queensland was the last premier in the nation to get vaccinated—I can see them yawning over there—no wonder those over there were so slow to get the vaccination. On this side of the House we all rolled up and told our constituents to get vaccinated.

I know the health minister knows that I am a strong supporter of vaccination because on 27 May I wrote to the health minister demanding help in my region. I got a response from the health minister saying, 'I appreciate your feedback.' On 10 June I wrote to her again. On 3 August I wrote to her again. On 4 August I wrote to the health minister again. On 11 August I again wrote to the health minister. On 19 August I wrote to the health minister once again.

An opposition member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Yes, I still have more. I was so sick of not getting a decent response from the health minister that I stepped it up and wrote to the Premier because, surely to goodness, you would think the Premier would listen. No, once again there was no response from those opposite. What are these letters about? These letters are about protecting my community and wanting a vaccine hub in my area. The government has been silent. I have also written about Swickers, because when the government came up with that announcement where was the largest pork factory in the Southern Hemisphere?

Mr Fumer interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It was not on their list because they did not rate it as big enough. I will table this. Yes, I will table it all because I was in Kingaroy and I have been there advocating. Here are the letters.

Tabled paper: Bundle of letters from and to the member for Nanango, Mrs Deb Frecklington MP, regarding COVID-19 vaccinations [1824](#).

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Ferny Grove, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I will continue to table these letters, but what I will say is this. There is one reason why there is vaccine hesitancy in this great state of ours and that is because, from the top, the Premier has blamed everything but common sense on why she has not got the vaccine when everyone else was stepping up and rolling up and doing the right thing. My community are telling me that is why there is vaccine hesitancy in this state.