




Speech By
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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (7.00 pm): I rise to mention a couple of events that have been held across Queensland, one being the Dusty Day Out. I give a big shout-out to Joe Prendergast and all of his staff who worked so hard to put on that incredible music festival with capped numbers in the wonderful South Burnett wine region. It is a beautiful part of Queensland. I encourage anyone who has not tasted the wines of the South Burnett or enjoyed its lovely hospitality to do so. Well done to Joe and everyone involved in the Dusty Day Out.

I also give a big thank you to two incredible Queensland regional women, Elisha Parker and Kimberley Dennis. Elisha and Kimberley invited me to be the guest speaker at the Clermont International Rural Women's Day on the Friday of the last sitting week. What an incredible day it was. Over 170 amazing, strong, capable women from all over Central Queensland came along. We were very fortunate to have beautiful weather. It was a wonderful event that really recognised the best about regional Queensland and the women who make it their home. To Elisha and Kimberley, thank you so very much. I cannot wait for the next one. It will be great.

In the time remaining to me, I call upon the government to release the business case or whatever they are doing in relation to the debacle that is Paradise Dam. I stand with the people of Burnett and Bundaberg who are screaming out for that to be released. The member for Bundaberg has been completely silent in relation to this issue. We know that the minister and the member do not care what is going on in their region, but it is their livelihoods that are dependent on the outcome of that report.

Government members interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: It may not mean much to them. I hear the interjections. They do not get it. I, along with the member for Burnett, Bundaberg fruit and vegetable growers and all of the local landholders just want to know what is going on so they can plan for the future—for themselves, their families and everyone associated with the agriculture industry. I questioned the minister at estimates. He appeared to distance himself from the comments of the member for Bundaberg in relation to the 'other infrastructure'. What is that infrastructure?