




Speech By
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ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (5.47 pm), continuing: There is one more person and his family whom I have to thank for starting me on this journey. Sadly, he did not make this one. Peter Simpson was a fighter for the union and labour movement. I acknowledge his contribution. I know he thought the world of the Premier and what we were doing. He would have been proud with the result. I thank his wife, Penny, for being there with him at the time. It must have been a tough gig, but she was up for it.

I would not be in this place but for the trust the constituents of Kurwongbah have placed in me. I thank each and every member of my community, whether or not they voted for me, for contributing to the great democratic traditions of this state. Thanks also to the wider labour movement for its support of my efforts to return to this place. I am constantly amused at how those opposite demonise the Queensland union movement which spends every day looking after workers' health, safety and the things that make their lives better. I would particularly like to thank Peter Ong at the ETU, Gary O'Halloran at the Plumbers Union, Rohan Webb at the AMWU, Michael Clifford at the QCU and Alex Scott from Together. Their members are well served under their leadership.

No campaign is successful if the hard work is not put in at an organisational level. Thanks to the team at the ALP state office, led well by Jules Campbell. Thank you, your contribution has been really appreciated. Thanks also to my Moreton Bay regional parliamentary and council colleagues—Senator Anthony Chisholm and the members for Redcliffe, Pumicestone, Morayfield, Murrumba, Bancroft, Ferny Grove and Pine Rivers and their staff. Thanks for all your assistance and cooperation over the past three years and into the future.

To Mayor Flannery and councillors Gillam, Tonks, Booth and Grimwade, as well as former deputy mayor Charlton: working with you has been great and by working together our residents achieve so much more. I also make special mention of our former mayor whose vision helped bring us the rail line to Redcliffe and the university.

There is more work to do in Kurwongbah, and I look forward to continuing to deliver for my community. I stand proudly on my record. I thank locals for putting their trust in me again. It is an honour and a privilege to represent them in this place, and I will keep kicking goals for Kurwongbah.