




Speech By
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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (6.11 pm): There is no greater example of a lack of democracy, openness and transparency than what we have just experienced in this great House. We have just had one of the most controversial extensions of health powers that has ever been brought before this parliament and could we all speak? No! There were 12 people left on the list and what did the Palaszczuk government do? They guillotined it! I was one of those people who would have liked to have spoken, so in the two minutes I have now I will put a few things on record.

First of all, I want to thank our hardworking health workers who have been dealing with this COVID pandemic, one of whom is very close to home. My daughter Lucy has been a COVID nurse. She worked in Blackall from just after Christmas right until she started as a COVID nurse, so I know exactly what these frontline health workers are going through.

I want to say this. This government is who we should apparently trust. Are they honest with us? No! Are they up-front and honest? No! This is the Premier that caused vaccine hesitancy in this great state. I back vaccines. Everyone should get vaccinated. Every single person should get vaccinated, but what did this government do? They told us the powers would stop when we got to 90 per cent vaccination. We got to 90 per cent. That is exactly what the community did. They all got together and did what the government asked. Now what is the government doing? They are continuing with this abuse of power. How is that about trust? How is that about openness? How is that about transparency? None of that is happening under this Palaszczuk government. They are riding roughshod over Queenslanders and Queenslanders have had enough. Queenslanders are smart people. We should respect them. We should listen to them. That is exactly what we have done by voting against the extension of the powers in this bill.

I will say another thing. This is a Premier who went to the last election spending around \$12 million with a term 'unite and recover'. Can everyone remember the 'unite and recover term'? Where is that now? They cannot use that anymore because they know it is now 'divide and conquer'. It is the Palaszczuk government that is dividing Queenslanders. They are pitting people against each other. They are dividing our communities and our communities have had enough. Our communities want common sense to come back into this. They do not want a government to ride roughshod over them.

This bill went too far. That is exactly why the arrogance of this Palaszczuk government—

Ms Grace interjected.

Mr KRAUSE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The member for McConnel has just used extremely unparliamentary language and I ask her to withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): I did not hear that.

Ms Grace: You haven't taken personal offence. Grow up.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence. Once and for all enough is enough—

(Time expired)