




Speech By
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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (6.14 pm): I was going to speak about Logan and some of the fantastic things—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Martin): Pause the clock. Order, members. I will wait for silence before we hear from the member for Logan.

Mr POWER: I was going to speak about Logan and some of the great things that were going on there. However, I have just been so shocked by the way we have seen the member for Broadwater and the two Greens members go out together and dance in unison with their drums in a drums line in terms of their anti-COVID restrictions and mandates position.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr POWER: All right, they may not have been dancing out there, but they were in this chamber. I want to bring to the attention of the House the consequences of how the LNP just voted. If their amendments had gotten up, on 30 April we would have seen unvaccinated people treating disabled children which would have put them at risk. We would have seen unvaccinated people in our nursing homes putting our seniors at risk. We would have seen all of these restrictions removed. I want to alert the House to the fact that this will not be over in a month, but it will not be over in under three months either. The consequence of their vote would have seen the advice of the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee thrown away, but then they voted to have unvaccinated people treating people's parents. They voted to have unvaccinated people from 30 April treating those who are disabled.

I want to point out the fact that there was an advice titled 'Mandating booster vaccinations in residential aged care workers' which is dated 15 February. I wish to table that.

Tabled paper: Extract from the Australian government Department of Health webpage, dated 15 February 2022, titled 'Mandating booster vaccinations in residential aged care workers' [492](#).

Do those opposite seriously think that that advice is going to expire? No, it will not. This is a dangerous and untrustworthy opposition who are in unison with the Greens in throwing away sensible advice which would actually keep our seniors safe. They are truly dangerous. They did not learn when they asked 64 times for the borders to be opened. They did not learn when they—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, members.

Mr POWER: On 16 March, the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee also brought out an advice mandating booster vaccinations for disability support workers. This is not the Queensland government's advice; this is the health advice of the Commonwealth. However, the vote that the LNP members took tonight would see disabled children exposed to unvaccinated workers. It is a day of infamy which Queenslanders will long remember that LNP members were so irresponsible as to join with the Greens to put Queenslanders at risk.