




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Maryborough Electorate

 **Mr SAUNDERS** (Maryborough—ALP) (2.28 pm): Ho, ho, ho! Santa came early to the Maryborough electorate last Wednesday, 22 November. There was no grinch like the member for Chatsworth—only happiness and presents for the whole electorate when I was there with the minister. I publicly thank the minister and the Premier for making sure these jobs stayed local. We are not building trains overseas. You will hear those opposite talk about flat packs. Today the member for Chatsworth—the man who was going to give us ‘tough love’—was talking through his hat, as we say in the Maryborough electorate. He had no idea what he was talking about. He is welcome to come up and talk to the people of Maryborough, because there are no flat pack trains being built at Torbanlea in the Maryborough electorate.

The great news is that Hyundai Rotem are opening a factory in Maryborough, a \$13 million investment which will create local jobs and local skills that we can now only dream of. Who has delivered this? It has been the Palaszczuk Labor government. Who is reinvesting in manufacturing in regional Queensland? It has been the Palaszczuk Labor government. It is just like Santa Claus coming through with the Santa sleigh.

We saw the member for Miller up there giving out presents to everyone the other day. It was fantastic to see the look on people’s faces. Honourable members should walk through my city and see how happy the people are. They know that the future is in the Palaszczuk Labor government’s hands. We hear them say, ‘Show Labor the door.’ People are saying, ‘We’re going to show you the door of government again.’ That is what they are telling me in Maryborough, ‘We want you back through the door. We do not want them in.’ People say that because they know what is going to happen if those opposite get in. The train contract will be on a Qantas flight overseas. Bang, they will be all over there. It will be closed down. It will be shut down like before and they will try to rewrite history and blame everyone but themselves.

The Palaszczuk Labor government has reinvested in regional Queensland right around the state. If honourable members travel from Cairns to the Gold Coast they will see it. One of the things I will say is, as I said, Christmas has come early for the electorate. We have had some really great support from the Premier, the Treasurer, the Deputy Premier and the Minister for Transport with the Tiaro bypass and the Burrum Heads-Pialba Road upgrade. This government has gone to Canberra and has rattled the cage in Canberra to keep these projects going. What did we hear from that side? We heard nothing! The difference is that the Palaszczuk government stands up for Queenslanders. They stand up for Queenslanders. They create jobs for Queenslanders, particularly in the Maryborough electorate.

I would like to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year.