




Speech By
Deb Frecklington

MEMBER FOR NANANGO

Record of Proceedings, 15 November 2023

MOTION

Palaszczyk Labor Government Polling

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (5.53 pm): Who sold the assets? The Labor government sold the assets. If they had their chance, they would do it again. They sold the forestry—

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take that back; I would hate to mislead the House. They gave away our forestry. This government that is so riddled in crisis and chaos—

Mr Power interjected.

Mr Millar interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Logan! Order, member for Gregory!

Mrs FRECKLINGTON:—and has completely the wrong priorities has now decided, at a time when Queenslanders are struggling with the cost of living, to take \$393,000 out of Queensland taxpayers' coffers—

Mr Power interjected.

Mr Millar interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Logan and member for Gregory, you are warned under the standing orders.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON:—we just heard it from the member for Bancroft—for push polling. They are pushing the Labor government's agenda using taxpayers' money. Should anyone be doing this polling to see how bad the government is going? We know that they are already doing it. 'Blocker' Bullock has been referred to today. Why is the Labor Party spending money working out who should replace this incompetent Premier? That is exactly what they are doing. Given the Deputy Premier's behaviour in the House this afternoon, we know that it is not looking good for him.

What have we seen? We have seen a government that has completely stopped listening. If they want to seek community views, they should take a leaf out of the LNP's book. What have we been doing? The Leader of the Opposition, the member for Broadwater, has been going up and down the state listening to Queenslanders. With the shadow health minister there have been over 35 health town halls, including the one in Kingaroy, where we heard disgusting stories—

An honourable member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Over 200 people came to Kingaroy to hear about the fact that the Labor government refuses to put decent services in the hospital, as we called for. The shadow police minister has held crime forum after crime forum up and down the state. In fact, as late as last week the opposition leader, the member for Burdekin, the incredible LNP candidate for Noosa, Clare Stewart, and I held a crime forum and listened to Queenslanders about the devastation to their businesses and homes. That is exactly what the LNP is doing.

In Bundaberg we have Bree Watson. Bring on Bree Watson! She is someone who is so distressed about the 43 per cent ambulance ramping across this state—and I am not even starting on the crime issues in Bundaberg. Bundaberg residents have a member who is supposedly representing them but who is not listening. What does the member for Bundaberg think he should do: support a government that is wasting Queenslanders' money to do a push poll—

Mr SMITH: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence and I ask that the member withdraw.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! I will hear points of order in silence. The member has asked you to withdraw.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I withdraw. Bree Watson will be a brilliant representative. I can tell the people of Bundaberg right now: here is someone who will never stop listening to her community. She is part of her community; she lives and breathes the community. Bring on Bree Watson for Bundaberg, because Bree Watson has the right priorities for Queenslanders.

I refer to Labor's failures. The LNP has the right priorities—to save Queenslanders from Labor's priorities. What does the local media in Brisbane and Queensland think about this wasteful and disgraceful action of the Palaszczuk government? It is not going to release these outcomes and it has nothing to do with the budget, because it goes right up to the election—just like the \$500,000 that was spent before the last election. The *Australian* editorial says—

If Anastacia Palaszczuk wants to find out what Queenslanders are thinking a year out from the state election, she need not waste \$393,000 of taxpayers' money ...

That is just what the *Australian* has said. I love the first paragraph of the editorial of the *Courier-Mail* that states—

The Palaszczuk government is outrageously at it again, treating taxpayer money as if it's their own personal plaything and spending it blatantly for political purposes.

This from a Premier who said that she would be open, transparent and accountable! This is a Premier who is anything but. Where is the sunshine? The sunshine has not been let onto the Labor government.

(Time expired)