



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Furner**


**MEMBER FOR FERNY GROVE**

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 **Hon. ML FURNER** (Ferny Grove—ALP) (Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries and Minister for Rural Communities) (2.03 pm): That is a hard act to follow. I wish the member for Burleigh all the very best. Recently, I had the pleasure to visit Longreach with the Premier where there is some great work going on. Our drought preparedness grants will make a real difference in getting ready for the next drought. I also visited Rockhampton where I attended the News Limited Bush Summit where there was great support for the Queensland government's regional support to date, and there will be more announcements on that to come.

The LNP sometimes has to face the music. One of my favourite bands is AC/DC, yet here in Queensland we just have the DC. Where is the lead singer of the LNP band, which really could be renamed the Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap? The opposition thinks that they have the comeback tour planned for next year. Maybe it will be the LNP Abandons the Bush Tour. Their sound checks on policies ring flat. The backup vocals are screamers without having any real pitch. Everyone in Queensland remembers their greatest hits, back when the member for Broadwater was part of the line-up rather than the lead man: the Cut, Sack and Sell Tour, the 14,000 Cuts to Jobs Tour, and the Campbell Newman Experience. The great AC/DC had Bon Scott; those opposite had Scott Morrison, yet the greatest laugh is that the LNP think they are singing from the same song sheet. They cannot even work out whether they are Liberal or National, and they have been a blended band for 15 years. They do not even know what they believe in, however what we know is they still are playing their past tracks.

To stay on the AC/DC theme, Queenslanders do not want to be put on the LNP 'highway to hell' and for them, with 13 months still to go, 'it's a long way to the top', especially when we on this side have the budget 'back in black'. There are still too many Queenslanders who are still 'thunderstruck' from the last time the LNP were in. 'Hells bells,' they would say to any more LNP plans to cut, prune or otherwise discombobulate the public service.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr FURNER:** I know that would be difficult to understand for those opposite. But, in all seriousness, the government of Queensland needs more than the slogans of the LNP, a party that will look after the bush and not leave it off the tour map.

**Mr Millar** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Martin): Pause the clock. Member for Gregory, you are warned.

**Mr FURNER:** The party that will look after the bush and not leave it off the tour map—that is the Australian Labor Party—the Queensland branch will do that every day of the week, every month of the year from here on forever. We are a government that will put Queenslanders first rather than letting them get scalped by their shadowy mates.