




Speech By
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MOTION

Palaszczuk, Hon. A

 **Mr MICKELBERG** (Buderim—LNP) (3.20 pm): I rise to speak to the motion acknowledging former premier Anastacia Palaszczuk's service in the parliament to the people of Queensland. Anastacia Palaszczuk served in this place for an extended period and that should be acknowledged. Today, I would like to focus on the legacy that has Queensland ranked as the worst performing state in the nation; a legacy of the highest unemployment of any state in the nation; a legacy of record ambulance ramping, which is the worst in the nation; a legacy of weaker youth justice laws, fewer police and skyrocketing youth crime; and a legacy where far too many Queenslanders are sleeping rough or living in tents because they cannot keep a roof over their heads.

We have had nine years of Labor inaction, mismanagement and failure. She is the only premier found to have been in contempt of parliament. Who was by her side the whole time? Her apprentice, Premier Steven Miles. Her apprentice, Premier Steven Miles, has decided to follow the same old tired path of mistruths, avoiding responsibility and announcement without action. Let us be clear: this government is the same millstone around Queensland's neck that was dragging down the state in November. The mouthpiece may have changed but it is the same faces around the decision-making table so Queenslanders can expect more chaos and crisis. Let us acknowledge the contribution of someone who did serve in this parliament for a long time, but let us not seek to rewrite history.

It is illustrative to look at who is on the speaking list. The member for Miller: the protection racket to protect an incompetent minister in the form of the member for Miller—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Aside from it being a tasteless contribution, I find it personally offensive and I ask that it be withdrawn.

Mr SPEAKER: We just need the second part, thank you, member for Miller. The member has found that personally offensive. I ask you to withdraw.

Mr MICKELBERG: I withdraw. Who else is on the speaking list? The member for Caloundra! What did the Premier deliver for the Sunshine Coast? We have cuts to the Mooloolah River Interchange. What has happened with the duplication of the Sunshine Coast rail line? Nothing! I think that was announced in 2018 and still not a single rail line has been laid on that project. That is the legacy of the former premier and that is the legacy of this Labor government. What of unlawful use of a motor vehicle on the Sunshine Coast under the former premier's watch? It is up 115 per cent! The police beat in my electorate has closed. That is the record of Anastacia Palaszczuk. That is the record of this Labor government.

Queenslanders deserve better. Queenslanders deserve a government that will fight for all Queenslanders and not just sandbag Labor seats in the run-up to an election. Let us acknowledge the former premier's contribution but let us not try to pretend it was something other than what it was. Queensland is worse for nine years of the Palaszczuk Labor government.