




Speech By
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MOTION

Palaszczuk, Hon. A

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (3.29 pm): I rise to address the motion. From the outset, I take the opportunity to acknowledge not only the nine years of service by Annastacia Palaszczuk as premier of Queensland but also her service as the state member for Inala, in various ministerial capacities and, as has been acknowledged, through the tough times of the COVID pandemic. We know that many difficult decisions had to be made throughout that time.

What I find extraordinary about this debate today is the lack of loyalty. People are standing up and professing their loyalty, when she was cut down as a democratically elected premier and discarded. There are many people opposite in this House who owe their political careers to that. The hypocrisy of those members, some of whom are on the front bench! We do not even have a full contingent of Miles government ministers here to listen to this motion. The hypocrisy and lack of loyalty is extraordinary—putting their arm around and sliding the knife into her back. Not only Labor members but also the unions discard people when they are not seen as politically beneficial, despite the fact she won three elections for the Labor Party.

Then there are all of the failures under the Palaszczuk state Labor government: with respect to health, the youth crime crisis, what is happening in education with the failure to achieve any proper outcomes across the state and the cost-of-living crisis which is burning right across Queensland. We should be acknowledging Annastacia Palaszczuk individually, but we have to call out the hypocrisy of those opposite who were responsible for tearing her down, getting rid of her in the dead of night within that last sitting parliamentary week and then getting the union people together. Members opposite—the members for Woodridge, McConnel, Murrumba or Waterford—all conspired against her. That was a disgrace.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Moggill, I ask you to withdraw some unparliamentary language.

Dr ROWAN: I withdraw.