



Speech By
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Cost of Living, Select Committee



Mrs FRECKLINGTON (Nanango—LNP) (10.16 am): I give notice that I will move—

That:

1. a select committee, known as the Cost of Living Select Committee, be established to examine:
 - (a) extent of cost-of-living rises, including big supermarket grocery prices, on Queenslanders;
 - (b) the impact of state government policies, taxes and charges on these increases; and
 - (c) strategies to mitigate these impacts.
2. in undertaking the inquiry, the committee consider:
 - (a) all matters impacting on price rises;
 - (b) the impact of cost of living pressures that lie within state jurisdiction including:
 - (i) the impact of rising electricity prices on grocery costs and on Queenslanders, noting that Queensland has experienced the highest electricity price rises in the nation since Callide C went offline;
 - (ii) the impact of skyrocketing insurance prices on small and family business and on Queenslanders, due to the Queensland youth crime crisis;
 - (iii) the impact of rising water costs on grocery costs and on Queenslanders, as well as a lack of water security;
 - (iv) the impact of increased transport costs on grocery costs and on Queenslanders due to the government's failure to invest in our road network;
 - (c) pressures on commodity supply chains leading to increased costs;
 - (d) effective policies to exert downward pressure on costs.
3. the committee:
 - (a) has the power to call for persons, documents and other things;
 - (b) may present reports to the Legislative Assembly as it determines;
 - (c) ceases at the dissolution of this parliament.
4. the committee consists of seven members chaired by a member of the parliamentary crossbench.