



Speech By  
**Hon. Leeanne Enoch**

**MEMBER FOR ALGESTER**

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**MOTION**

**Palaszczuk, Hon. A**

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Alger—ALP) (Minister for Treaty, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister for Communities and Minister for the Arts) (3.47 pm): I am pleased to join with my colleagues in speaking to this motion and in speaking to it in not such a mean-spirited way as we have heard from those opposite. Regardless of your political colours, there are some incredible things that the former premier Anastacia Palaszczuk actually achieved.

Think about the history-making efforts that she put forward. The fact that she was able to overturn a majority LNP government after one term was astounding. Regardless of your political colours, that is an astounding achievement. Mercifully, it was something that many Queenslanders were very happy to see. Think about what Anastacia Palaszczuk did during those unprecedented times of COVID when she took a very strong position—one that she copped a lot of flak and a lot of personal attack for because she stood firm in protecting Queensland, yet it paid dividends. We are seeing it in our economy now. It was because of her strong leadership at that time to keep Queenslanders safe.

I will talk about that leadership. Since 2015, when she became the first woman to win government from opposition, she led a cabinet of which the majority were women. I had the opportunity to be part of that as the first Aboriginal woman to be in cabinet. During that time we saw many things happen: the ending of sandmining on North Stradbroke Island and many other environmental laws, Advance Queensland and arts objectives. So many things happened as a result of her belief in her cabinet, the majority of which were women. I pay tribute to Anastacia Palaszczuk and I wish her all the very best in her retirement.