



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR LOGAN**

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**MOTION**

**Palaszcuk, Hon. A**

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (4.07 pm): Anastacia Palaszcuk would be disappointed but unfortunately not surprised by something in this House today. I guess many do not get us as a movement, as a Labor movement, that we are a family who holds our leaders—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr POWER:** Give us a break here, guys. Show some respect.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. I ask that members cease their interjections. The member is clearly not taking interjections.

**Mr POWER:** We as a movement and a family hold our leaders in a special place. She joins the pantheon of those who will inspire us in dark times. I lost the election in 2012. It was very tough. I felt that deep sense of responsibility, even guilt, that we had broken our movement, that we had hurt Queensland by not being able to provide a progressive, fair voice. I watched as Anastacia stepped up. She apologised for what we got wrong, especially asset sales. She reconnected with people and worked hard—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr POWER:** Jesus!

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr POWER:** The boss always said something that struck me when she was talking to many groups, even if it was not strictly relevant. She said that there is dignity in work. Since you were elected, Boss, there are over 500,000 more Queenslanders in work and thousands of other families in better jobs. You gave them that dignity that they could take back to their families and make a contribution to Queensland. I want to say that for my kids COVID will be a defining event of their young lives. Your leadership and your inspiration and also your friendship with them will be an inspiration that they will keep and is enormous. Thank you, Boss. Thank you.