




Speech By
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 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Community Safety) (3.39 pm): There are a few moments in people's lives when you get a glimpse of their true character. Being a member of parliament is a tough role. It is tough on families and tough on members individually. I think there are moments when we should rise to the occasion and acknowledge someone's contribution and their service and their dedication. There are moments when you see people's true character, and we have seen some of those today.

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order! Member for Buderim, you are warned.

Mr RYAN: I want to speak about someone who is an outstanding citizen, someone who has contributed to Queensland and someone who is a giant of the Australian Labor Party. History will be very kind to Annastacia Palaszczuk. She will be seen as someone who is a giant of the Labor movement, a trailblazer in every respect and the type of person we were fortunate to have when a global pandemic hit. She made the tough decisions. She kept us safe and she saved lives. For those who were worried about loved ones, particularly those who have elderly people still in their lives, they were so appreciative that Annastacia was strong for us. She ensured that we were kept safe.

She rose to the occasion. She always rose to the occasion. She sought the best advice. She made the important decisions. It was an extraordinary step which meant that we led the world when it came to our response to the global pandemic. She did this on many occasions, whether it was natural disasters or when there were challenges in the community. She was there because she loved Queensland. She took her role seriously. We are a better state because of her.