




Speech By
Hon. Steven Miles

MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA

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Palaszczuk, Hon. A

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Premier) (3.12 pm): I move—

That this House acknowledges the contributions of the 39th Premier of Queensland, the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk, during her public service to the people of Queensland since being elected as the member for Inala in 2006.

By any measure, Anastacia Palaszczuk made an indelible mark on Queensland as premier. In her time as member for Inala, opposition leader and premier, Anastacia broke the glass ceiling time and time again. She was a fierce defender of our state, was ruthless in fighting for Queensland's fair share and worked hard every day to make the lives of Queenslanders better. She was the first woman to ever win government from opposition and the first woman to win a third successive term. Anastacia went on to become this state's longest serving female premier and in that time achieved many great things. She pioneered some of our most ambitious policies—policies my government will build upon, like the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan. The momentum kickstarted by this ambitious plan has secured millions in renewable investment in Queensland and created a pipeline of good, secure jobs for generations. It was her experience with endometriosis, IVF and miscarriage that drove the creation of the Women and Girls' Health Strategy that we launched this week.

Anastacia will be remembered for her dedication to Queensland, for saving lives during the pandemic and for bringing the state's economy back from the brink of recession in her first term. To Labor she will be the hero who got rid of Campbell Newman and brought the party back from near annihilation. I thank her for her service to the people of this state and wish her all the best for the future.