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Member for **Buderim**



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Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP
Premier and Minister for Trade
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Dear Premier,

I am writing to ask for your Government to provide support to not-for-profit groups, which have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and response. Specifically, I wish to draw your attention to the needs of Legacy Brisbane, an organisation that has been supporting widows and the dependents of veterans since 1928.

Through the work of volunteers and staff, Legacy Brisbane currently cares for more than 6,700 widows and 250 dependents, spread across an area extending from Bowen to Brisbane. Legacy Brisbane's work in supporting veterans' widows, dependents and families who are suffering after the injury or death of a military veteran, is under threat due to their traditional fundraising sources evaporating.


Historically, Legacy Brisbane has been largely funded by community and corporate donors; however, the cancellation of ANZAC Day this year and the broader impact of COVID-19 means that Legacy Brisbane is now facing a \$1.4m loss over the next 12 months. Such a financial outcome is unsustainable and will result in drastically reduced support to those that Legacy Brisbane currently care for.

In my capacity as a Legacy Ambassador and Legatee, I have seen first-hand the importance of Legacy Brisbane's work caring for some of Queensland's most vulnerable. Legacy's work supports many of the same Queenslanders who will be disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In these difficult times, I appreciate there are many compelling cases which are worthy of State Government support; however, I ask that your Government act to provide much needed financial support to Legacy Brisbane and to other not for profit organisations who provide such important services to our community as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

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Shadow Assistant Minister for Tourism Industry Development

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