

*A strong voice for our future*

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## Lauga calls for CQ to be government focus

The industry and potential of Central Queensland will be showcased to all Queensland Government ministers if the Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga has her way.

As one of three Labor Government MPs proudly representing one of the state's strongest regions, Central Queensland, Ms Lauga has personally invited Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk to host the next round of Governing in the Regions here in **August (??)**.

“Central Queensland, as we know, is an industrial, tourism, rural and economic hub with a wide and diverse range of businesses and community services,” said Ms Lauga, also the Assistant Education Minister.

“Rockhampton is known as the Beef Capital of Australia, Keppel (Yeppoon and the Capricorn Coast) is hailed as a tourism hub, and the Gladstone region is an industrial powerhouse.”

Ms Lauga said hosting a Governing in the Regions session in Central Queensland would continue the government's delivery of more regional representation and provide a conduit via which CQ's people would be able to provide valuable feedback to the Government.

“This would be particularly appreciated by locals still recovering from the recent tragedy of bushfires and drought across some of our region.

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“I have written to Premier Palaszczuk expressing my keen interest in hosting a Governing in the Regions session here.”

Ms Lauga said the Queensland’s Chamber of Commerce and Industry, has recently indicated “business confidence is well and truly on the improve”.

Chamber of Commerce president Peter Fraser also said he believes the Central Queensland economy is gearing up for a good 2019-2020 financial year.

Mrs Lauga said “There is a whole raft of Queensland Budget 2019-2020 funds continuing to pour into the region as an economic and jobs stimulus.

“I’m continually meeting with key industry stakeholders, and local government leaders, to continue to focus on helping to drive our local economy and create jobs.

“I’m very buoyant on our economic outlook for the future.”

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