

*A strong voice for our future*

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## Lauga says: Leave it to me!

Michelle Landry can rest assured that one thing Labor does in Queensland is deliver on their promises.

Every election promise I made during this 2020 election campaign has been carefully thought out, fact checked, and every promise is costed and will be delivered.

I have one message for Michelle Landry – say less, do more.

Her record of delivering in Central Queensland is atrocious and an insult to everyone who lives in the federal seat of Capricornia.

It's why the ALP is working constantly to ensure our Labor candidate next federal election wins and Ms Landry is no longer the Member. That way, at least, things will get done.

I remind Ms Landry that we are the only side of politics that has committed funding to Great Keppel Island -\$30 million.

It's good enough for the State Government, it's good enough for council, it's good enough for the tourism industry and it's good enough for the private sector– why won't Michelle Landry do the right thing and cough up the dough?"

She did not, and still does not, support the Palaszczuk Government's \$14 million drug and alcohol rehabilitation and detoxification centre.

I promised we would deliver that 42-bed facility, and I'm proud to say work has started to make it become a reality.

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She stabbed more than 700,000 workers in the back by voting with her LNP Coalition buddies to cut penalty rates.

And let us not forget Ms Landry's appalling refusal to spend any money on Rockhampton Hospital's mental health ward and cardiac theatre.

Of Ms Landry's total pledges of \$988.6 million, there was not one cent allocated towards health services in the Rockhampton region.

In the 2020 pre-election, the feeling I got working on pre-poll booths was largely positive and filled me full of confidence that the policies introduced in Keppel by the Palaszczuk Government over the past three years are fulfilling the community's needs, and beyond.

These achievements in Keppel include millions spent on local schools, roads, and essential workers such as police, firies, ambulance, nurses and teachers.

I have worked tirelessly since my re-election in 2017, and I'm proud to have delivered on my election promises on big ticket items such as more school classrooms, a massive \$8.5m overhaul for the North Rockhampton Nursing Centre, a new and expanded North Rockhampton Ambulance Station, 8 new renal dialysis chairs at the Capricorn Coast Hospital, free TAFE and free apprenticeships for under 25s, \$19 million Emu Park-Rocky Road upgrades including overtaking lanes and other priority safety and capacity improvements, \$18.2 million to deliver a new cardiac hybrid theatre at Rockhampton Hospital, 150 extra police personnel and a mobile police beat for the Central Region, and \$2.3 million to upgrade Norman Road.

And for the record Ms Landry, here are my 2020 promises you can put on your fridge to follow and tick as each is delivered:

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- A new and expanded North Rockhampton Ambulance Station
- 8 new renal dialysis chairs at the Capricorn Coast Hospital
- More than 450 new teachers and over 100 new teacher aides will be employed in the Central Queensland Region
- Free TAFE and free apprenticeships for under 25s
- \$19 million Emu Park-Rocky Road upgrades including overtaking lanes and other priority safety and capacity improvements
- \$18.2 million to deliver a new cardiac hybrid theatre at Rockhampton Base Hospital
- \$2 million upgrade to Rosslyn Bay Boat Harbour for better facilities for local boaties and tourists accessing the southern Great Barrier Reef
- new clubhouse, unisex dressing sheds/toilets, canteen and referee's room for Cap Coast Brothers JRLFC at St. Brendan's College
- 150 extra police personnel and mobile police beat for the Central Region
- \$2.3 million to upgrade Norman Road
- Hire more frontline health staff in Central Queensland including 285 nurses, 47 doctors and 47 health professionals
- eight additional frontline Labour Hire Compliance inspectors for regional Queensland
- \$500,000 for increased capacity at Taranganba SS OSHC
- Essential upgrades to Yeppoon and North Rockhampton State High Schools
- \$12.8 million for an expansion and refurbishment of the mental health ward at Rockhampton Base Hospital
- 15 per cent cut in irrigation water charges from state-owned irrigation schemes and a 50 per cent cut for fruit and vegetable growers
- Four additional firefighters allocated to Rockhampton region
- Made in Queensland and Manufacturing Hubs Grants
- \$35.2 million to provide a purse for prize money and maintenance of tracks and facilities at country racetracks
- \$150 FairPlay vouchers to cover sign on costs for kids' sport
- Multi-million dollar upgrades to Emu Park, Farnborough, Keppel Sands, Mount Archer, Taranganba & Yeppoon State Schools

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I am proud of my track record since being elected in 2015 and am confident the plans and policies of this government are the best plans for Queensland now and into the future.

Yes Michelle, you can rest easy that at least one of us delivers on their election promises.

**PHOTO: Brittany Lauga at the Rockhampton-Yeppoon road where she has delivered another \$20 million in upgraded works funding for which she advocated.**

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