

A strong voice for our future

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Labor campaign launch rallies to empower CQ's 'beating heart'

Labor must win every Central Queensland seat to ensure the “beating heart” of Queensland continues to be a major economic force in the state, a Labor campaign launch was told on Saturday.

Further, winning all Central Queensland seats will ensure the region’s voice is heard loud and clear by the Premier and by industry.

Five sitting MPs and candidates told a gathering of 100 party faithful in Rockhampton that only Labor will continue to ensure CQ is a leading force in the state, driven by its mining resources.

Manufacturing Minister and Member for Gladstone Glenn Butcher said it was imperative Labor got its message to the southeast corner so the Palaszczuk Government could not ignore our needs.

“It’s time to get the ALP message across so we make sure the Premier knows where CQ is.

“The LNP might have money to throw away with unfunded promises, but the ALP has people - passionate people, candidates, members and supporters.

“We’re Labor people and that means we fight all the way.

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“Plus, we have to expose the LNP for putting out billions of dollars in unfunded promises.

“We all know that to fund their promises they will cut, sack and sell out frontline staff and services, including our power supply.”

Minister Butcher said the LNP wants to deliver a death knell to CQ’s resource industry by hiking up mining royalties, which means putting off Central Queensland mining workers.”

He hosted a joint campaign launch for the Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga, the Member for Rockhampton Barry O’Rourke, ALP candidate for Mirani Shane Hamilton, and ALP candidate for Gregory David Kerrigan.

Ms Lauga highlighted her praise of Queensland’s public education system.

“I joined the Labor Party because everyone deserves a quality education, and to stand up for working people.

“I had the honour last week to announce \$1 billion in education funding.

“This included \$8 million for a new manual arts building at Yeppoon State High School.

“I’m really looking forward to that. They deserve state-of-the-art education facilities ... as a stepping stone for better and lifelong education”.

Ms Lauga said an LNP government would close schools, reduce funding, and sack teachers.

“They’ve done it before, and they’ll do it again.

“Only Labor invests in education.

“We’re so lucky in Queensland to have a Premier who has kept us safe – I’m glad we’re not in NSW or Victoria.”

Mr O’Rourke said the last time LNP was in power their cuts to frontline services and infrastructure, railway staff and teachers, “destroyed our communities”.

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“Labor’s investment in Queensland is all about jobs.

“I want us to be the powerhouse – a pack with a voice in and for CQ.

“We are your voice so that the southeast corner knows how important Central Queensland is.”

Minister Butcher said, “watch this space for more job-creating announcements from Labor”.

“We can build trains here. We’re about making things in Queensland, not in China.”

PHOTO: From left Minister Glenn Butcher and MP Gladstone, ALP candidate for Mirani Shane Hamilton, Brittany Lauga MP Keppel, Barry O’Rourke MP Rockhampton, and ALP candidate for Gregory David Kerrigan.

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