

A strong voice for our future

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Strong leadership puts Queensland in a safer place

Queensland is one of the safest places in the world thanks to Premier Anastasia Palaszczuk's dynamic and positive response in the face of the Coronavirus, the Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga told Parliament last night.

Ms Lauga praised the Premier for "unashamedly making Queensland's health and safety her number one priority and ... I want to sincerely thank you, on behalf of the people of Keppel, for your strength and determination to keep us safe".

"Right now, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else in the world.

"We were the first state in the country to declare a state of emergency back in January and, together with the strong leadership from our Premier, the calm and considered approach of our Health Minister, the expert advice of Chief Health Officer Dr Jeanette Young, and the cooperation of all Queenslanders; only because of this strong response can Queensland put the pedal to the metal and get our economy back on track."

She said the Premier has weathered heavy criticism on her approach to closing Queensland's borders from the Queensland LNP, NSW Premier Gladys Berejiklian, One Nation's Pauline Hanson, Clive Palmer and even the Prime Minister.

"LNP leader Deb Frecklington called for the Premier to open Queensland's borders no less than 64 times, disregarding the health of Queenslanders."

Ms Lauga said the threat of COVID19 remains as deadly and as debilitating as ever to lives, jobs and businesses.

"Queensland's economy is doing it tough, but, as a result of the hard work by Queenslanders, we are the best-performing state in response to the global pandemic in Australia.

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“Our forecast economic rebound is almost twice as strong as the Australian average.

“Only the Palaszczuk Government has a plan to get Queensland’s economy back on track after this pandemic with an economic plan that supports small business, buying locally, growing our manufacturing sector’ and building critical infrastructure.”

She said Queenslanders know the Leader of the Opposition, Deb Frecklington and her LNP “can’t be trusted to manage this health crisis and they can’t be trusted to get the Queensland economy back on track”.

The Opposition has no health or economic plan, and the only way they can pay their election commitment bill is by cutting services, sacking Queensland workers and selling assets, Ms Lauga said.

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

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