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Labor policies drive down jobless

The Keppel electorate continues to boast one of Queensland's lowest unemployment rates hitting just 5% for the June 2021 quarter.

The Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said she was proud of the Palaszczuk Government's policies which have driven down jobless numbers to the lowest figure in 2 years.

The National Skills Commission recorded Keppel's unemployment rate peaking at 7.2% (against the state average of 6.5%) in the September 2015 quarter.

Ms Lauga said State Labor Government policies after being elected in February 2015 helped create a strong economy and drive down unemployment from that point.

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“Since the June 2016 quarter Keppel’s jobless rate has been below the state average.

“This is a wonderful result from the Palaszczuk Government, and a wonderful boon for our local economy.

Ms Lauga said the lowest rate recorded for Keppel was 4.6% (1261 unemployed people) in the June 2019 quarter when the state average was 6.1%.

“The latest figure of 5.0% (1409 unemployed people) is again well below the state average of 6.8%.”

“This reflects positively on the leadership of Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk and her government which continues to attract business investment and create jobs.”

Ms Lauga said this was particularly admirable leadership during the Covid pandemic and was highlighted in Keppel by a strong accommodation industry, good jobs growth, and population influx.

She said in the June 2021 quarter Keppel’s labour force was 28,404 compared with the June 2015 work force of 26,605.

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