

WATT'S NEWS

AN UPDATE FROM SENATOR MURRAY WATT - WINTER 2020



RECOVERY PLAN FOR QLD

Queenslanders deserve a big pat on the back for the way we've responded to COVID-19.

Through strong Queensland Government action, our incredible health workers and all of us taking precautions, we've kept our infection numbers well below those of other states.

But as we look towards the future, the outlook for jobs and our economy is much more uncertain.

Scott Morrison has no plan for jobs, and has left Queensland on the scrapheap when it comes to new infrastructure projects that will help to get the economy back on track.

The Palaszczuk Labor Government has a clear plan for recovery, but we're still waiting for one from the Morrison Government.

We've held COVID-19 at bay by looking out for each other. We should do the same as we recover.

Murray Watt
Labor Senator for Queensland



Senator Murray Watt with a Queensland apprentice.

JOBKEEPER

Labor fought for the JobKeeper wage subsidy and it's keeping many Everton workers and businesses afloat.

But from September 28, the Morrison Government will take an axe to JobKeeper, cutting support by up to half.

On top of that, more than one million Australians continue to be excluded from JobKeeper, including short term casuals and council, university and arts/entertainment workers.

Times are tough, let me know if you need help. Please contact me on senator.watt@aph.gov.au or 07 5531 1033.

WHAT IS LABOR'S PLAN?



Labor leader Anthony Albanese with Queensland manufacturing workers.

Over the last six months, we've been hard at work helping Everton residents cope with the effects of COVID-19.

At the same time, Labor Leader Anthony Albanese, has been putting forward Labor's ideas for recovery.

As we recover, we can't leave people behind. We have to build an economy where everyone gets ahead, not just the lucky few.

Labor's plan involves: more job security for workers, nation-building infrastructure, investing in our people's skills, revitalising our manufacturing industry, and delivering cheap, clean, renewable energy.

"The pandemic has shown that Labor's values of fairness, security and the power of government to change lives were the right values in a crisis. They are also the right values for the recovery."

Anthony Albanese, The Morning Bulletin, 11 May 2020.

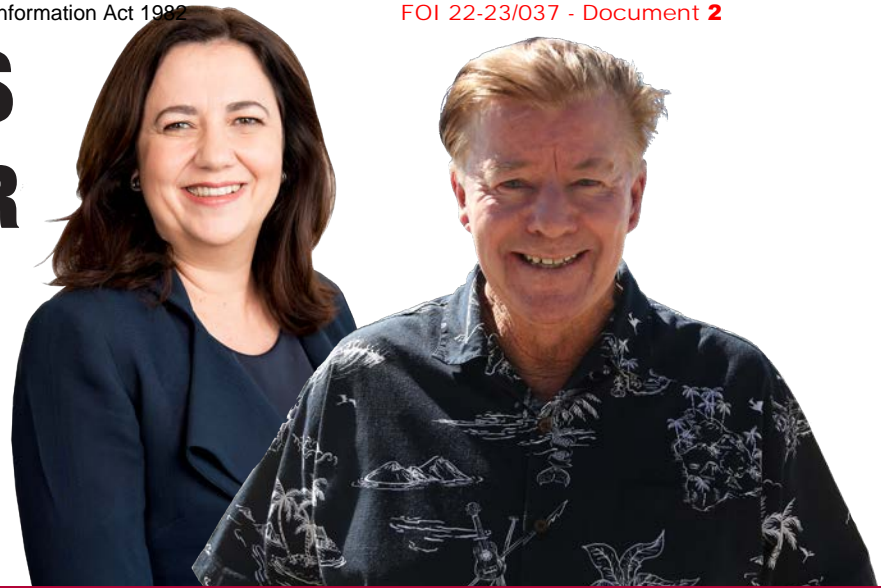
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QUEENSLAND'S PLAN TO RECOVER FROM COVID-19



ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK AND WAYNE BARTHOLOMEW



WAYNE 'RABBIT' BARTHOLOMEW LABOR CANDIDATE FOR BURLEIGH



Wayne knows the global economy has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, but our hard work to manage the health risk means that Queensland is best placed to kick-start the economic recovery.

“As a life-long local of the Southern Gold Coast, I’m ready to take the next step in my advocacy work and serve the people and environment of Burleigh - the place I love.”




For more about Annastacia Palaszczuk’s Plan to Recover, contact Wayne:

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Together, Queenslanders have faced a global pandemic that has caused devastation around the world, taking lives and destroying livelihoods.

Queenslanders have been working hard to get through the COVID-19 health threat.

Our Queensland Plan to Recover is focused on investing in Queensland and Queenslanders, kickstarting our economy and creating the jobs we need to make sure we are ready to take advantage of the opportunities of tomorrow.

-  **Creating jobs for Queenslanders**, with more than \$51 billion of investment on infrastructure over the next four years to future proof Queensland.
-  **Supporting Queensland businesses**, with \$200 million of funding to help struggling businesses recover from COVID-19.
-  **Rebuilding Queensland manufacturing**, creating good secure jobs and helping make sure Queenslanders make the products that Queensland needs.



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