



QUEENSLANDERS REJECT ARROGANT LNP GOVERNMENT: UNION WELCOMES NEW ALP GOVT

As we all know, Queenslanders have well and truly rejected the arrogance of the Newman Government with a minority Labor Government now governing the state. The LNP Government suffered over a 12% swing to lose over 35 seats - including that of the ex-Premier, Campbell Newman. Your Union played a huge role in campaigning for change and I want to thank all those who contributed in any way to the extraordinary election result - a result nobody thought possible at the beginning of the campaign.



State Secretary, Brad O'Carroll

As previously reported, the ALP has already committed to repealing the laws allowing the installation of water meters by unlicensed persons and to re-establishing a dedicated plumbing regulatory body. We expect these laws to be repealed in the very near future - a sign of the Union's very constructive relationship with the ALP which has been developed and nurtured over many years. This relationship has not come about by accident but has been as a result of years of behind the scenes relationship-building which is now definitely going to pay off for the Union and its members. Along with the laws which will already be repealed, the Union is also extremely positive about working with the new Government in a number of key areas including:

- the introduction of licensing for mechanical services;
- unfair contract provisions for sub-contractors;
- relocation of the Petroleum and Gas Inspectorate to the Queensland Building and Construction Commission to streamline the administrative burdens associated with licensing;
- working to establish local government/water service provider apprenticeships;
- working with the government to develop plans for infrastructure investment across Queensland; and
- introduction of fair and equitable procurement policies for the construction and ongoing maintenance of State Government assets.

The Union is very excited about what can be achieved for our industry during this term of government beginning with the repealing of the water meter laws and the re-establishment of a dedicated plumbing regulatory body. We will be holding a General Meeting of members in the next month or so which we hope may be attended by both the Premier and Treasurer so keep an eye out for details or keep checking with your Organiser. I look forward to reporting on some exciting developments in the coming months.

THE NEW PALASZCZUK MINISTRY

- Annastacia Palaszczuk: Premier, Minister for the Arts
- Jackie Trad: Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning, Minister for Trade
- Curtis Pitt: Treasurer, Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
- Cameron Dick: Minister for Health, Minister for Ambulance Service
- Kate Jones: Minister for Education, Minister for Tourism, Major Events and Small Business, Minister for Commonwealth Games
- Anthony Lynham: Minister for State Development, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines
- Yvette D'Ath: Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Training and Skills
- Jo-Ann Miller: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Minister for Corrective Services
- Bill Byrne: Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Minister for Sport and Racing
- Mark Bailey: Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports,
- Minister for Energy and Water Supply
- Leeanne Enoch: Minister for Housing and Public Works, Minister for Science and Innovation
- Steven Miles: Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection, Minister for National Parks and the Great Barrier Reef
- Coralee O'Rourke: Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Seniors, Minister assisting the Premier on North Queensland
- Shannon Fentiman: Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Multicultural Affairs



Brad with Premier Palaszczuk at the swearing-in ceremony at Government House



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