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### CRIPPS WELCOMES LNP'S PLAN FOR THE NORTH

Hinchinbrook MP, Andrew Cripps, said the state electorate of Hinchinbrook stood to benefit from the LNP's commitments for North and Far North Queensland and that he would continue to fight for local issues to be addressed after 20 long years of neglect by Labor.

Mr Cripps said the LNP's plans for the North and Far North, released by LNP Leader Campbell Newman this week, outlined specific commitments for both regions, as well as detailing how the North and Far North would benefit from state-wide policy commitments.

"The families, businesses and industries in North and Far North Queensland are hurting from many of the same issues that are impacting on families, businesses and industries across Queensland, as a result of Labor's waste and mismanagement" said Mr Cripps.

"Issues such as inadequate health services, increasing cost of living and the relentless growth in red tape and bureaucracy under this failed Labor Government are biting just as hard in the Hinchinbrook electorate as they are in other seats across Queensland" he said.

"The LNP has released more than 90 positive policies to address these and many other issues. Despite the constant negativity, untruths and unfounded accusations from our opponents, I'm proud that our LNP candidates have stayed positive" said Mr Cripps.

"The people of Queensland have seen Labor and other parties base their campaigns on personal attacks against Campbell Newman and his family, which have proved to be false and baseless. Yet they continue to throw mud, instead of talking about policies" he said.

Mr Cripps said he would continue to work right until the end of the campaign and hoped the people of Hinchinbrook would continue to support him, to ensure the electorate would have a strong voice in what he hoped would be a new LNP Government in Queensland.

"I'm not taking anything for granted. The people of the Hinchinbrook electorate have always demanded strong and active representation from their local MP. If you haven't done the work over the last three years, you can't make it up in the last three weeks" said Mr Cripps.

"This is an important election. People who are looking for a change of government must focus on that objective and not to get side-tracked. The only way to change the government is to vote LNP. A vote for any other candidate is a vote for Anna Bligh and Labor" he said.

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