

# KATTER'S AUSTRALIAN PARTY

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Premiers gagging order is an abuse of power punishing regional Queensland.**

Today Queensland Premier Palaszczuk announced that five staff of elected members of parliament in regional Queensland will be sacked. The move may curb a speech recently made by Federal Senator Fraser Anning, but the KAP states the speech has been purposefully misconstrued by desperate governments.

Regional seats in North Queensland are enormous in size, hence why the three KAP state members were given extra staff, to assist them better represent people. Today North Queensland has been punished again.

**“The real reason for the Premiers shocking abuse of power today is crystal clear,” says Mr McCarthy. “The KAP is making significant headway as a political force in regional Queensland.”**

“The original call to ‘clip the wings’ of Katter’s Australian Party was from the LNP and now the ALP follows through. The State LNP opposition is also in panic and feeling the shift of voter support to the KAP. The LNP has abandoned the bush and this has resulted in holding a mere two seats north of Bundaberg.”

**“Effectively the LNP don’t even qualify as being in opposition as far as regional Queensland goes and the ALP only hold seats in the North by default,” says Daniel McCarthy.**

“Now the Premier has used this as an excuse to sack workers and punish regional Queensland, effectively trying to gag duly elected members of parliament. Her call has effectively said that if anybody in your team says anything she doesn’t approve of your job is on the line” says Mr McCarthy. “That is not protecting free speech, that is an over-reach of power that curbs free-speech.”

“Regional and North Queensland despise the major political parties’ numerous layers of punitive legislation.” “This will only make matters worse as the Premier has put every hard-working Queenslanders on notice today.”

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