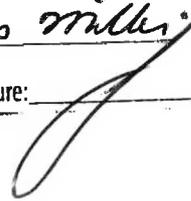


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Dear Mr Speaker

I write to you today to offer my resignation as the Member for Bundamba.

I have been humbled and privileged to serve the people of Queensland as a public servant of this State and for the last 20 years as the Member for Bundamba. I have done my very best to look after our people, to care for them, show them that it is the content of our character and our values and principles that are the most priceless gift in life. What I love about our working class community is that people value the important things in life, like family, and not material wealth. Its who we are, not what we have or don't have.

Together, we have fought some magnificent battles, sometimes against those you least expected, including the party to which I have devoted my life to. The core Labor values of my heart meant I stood up against asset sales, shone the light on Ipswich City Council corruption, misconduct and maladministration, justice for black lung victims in the coal mining industry and fighting for a fair share of funding for our community.

Our working class people stand shoulder to shoulder in fighting for what's right, and I thank our community for standing with me as I paid a personal price for resolutely standing firm, being stitched up by the political and media elites, but never shaken by the rotten political and administrative culture.

Together as a community we have delivered great projects including the rail line to Springfield, the Centenary highway extension, nine new state schools, new independent and church schools, School Renewal program, the Urban Renewal program, the Community Renewal program, sports and community group funding and the Ipswich Motorway upgrade to name a few. We have also stood together throughout the floods and the recovery.

It deeply hurts me that we have people supporting activities in our community that others wouldn't support in their community. Turning Ipswich into Tipswitch does nothing for our community except to

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add to our already high respiratory rates, put our environment at risk, stink up our back yards and parks and put our health at risk. Incinerators and dumps are not the solution and these industries should never be supported in our working class area. That's not the Labor way and it never has been.

But the most important legacy I believe I leave is to Tell the Truth and Shame the Devil, be honest, to fight for our values and principles and never back down.

I am the last of a generation of Labor MPs in this Parliament. They taught me a lot and I thank them. We will never see their like again in this House. I close the door on this era.

I will not be standing for Mayor or Councillor of Ipswich City Council as it is time for me to move on to whatever is in God's plan for me. My family has put up with enough and I will not put them through it again in another role. However, I would like to thank our community for their great outpouring of support had I wished to nominate, and their trust in me.

I recently had an operation to remove a tumor. Incidences like these make you reflect on your life and this has played a part in my decision to leave my role.

To Steve, Michael, Tracey, coal miners, and our true believers, I thank you. To our Churches, our multicultural community, schools, sports clubs and veterans, I thank you for working with me to make our community a better place.

To Neil, Stephanie, Brianna and my extended family, I know this job has been harder on you than me at times, and I deeply regret this, as you are the most important thing in the world to me. Thank you for standing by me and supporting me while the job I was privileged to be elected to, kept me away from you. I love you. It's your turn now. I'm coming home.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jo-Ann Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jo-Ann Miller MP

**Member for Bundamba**