




Speech By
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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (10.41 pm): I begin by acknowledging the terrific work undertaken by local residents in the electorate of Moggill to limit the community spread of COVID-19, that is, the novel coronavirus. Complying with public health directives, washing hands, maintaining social distancing and adhering to all the other additional measures has been vitally important. I thank local residents and all Queenslanders for their assistance and patience in tackling the spread of coronavirus. Even with the passage of the COVID-19 Emergency Response Bill 2020 and the Appropriation (COVID-19) Bill 2020, economically much more still needs to be done for all of Queensland. Certainly I encourage the Palaszczuk Labor government to continue to implement strategies to protect jobs and support small business.

On 28 March 2020, the people of Brisbane faced a stark choice between an experienced team with a proven track record led by Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner or an indecisive, inexperienced and incapable team led by the then Labor candidate, Patrick Condren. That choice was especially clear in the ward of Pullenvale, where the Liberal National Party had endorsed local businessman and community leader Greg Adermann. Greg is intelligent, driven, collaborative, a humble individual and a person of high integrity. Greg was successful in his endeavour to win the ward of Pullenvale and he secured 59.93 per cent of the vote on a two-party preferred basis. He will serve the residents of the Pullenvale ward in a consultative and respectful manner and he will always be happy to regularly meet with local residents to discuss their concerns. Greg will be a true advocate for local residents. He will adhere to and demonstrate accountability as a local government representative. Greg and his wife, Cia, have lived in Chapel Hill for almost 30 years and they have raised their two sons locally. Greg's local knowledge and expertise is certainly extensive. Today, Councillor Greg Adermann was formally sworn in and took his oath of office as the councillor for the Pullenvale ward.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of Councillor James Mackay, the councillor for the Walter Taylor ward. The Walter Taylor ward includes, in part, the suburbs of Chapel Hill and Indooroopilly. Those suburbs are within the boundaries of the state electorate of Moggill. Frequently I see Councillor James Mackay at community events. His local knowledge, understanding of the issues and consultative manner ensure that the residents of the Walter Taylor ward will continue to be well represented within the Brisbane City Council. I take this opportunity to congratulate Councillor James Mackay on his re-election and also to congratulate Councillor Peter Matic on his re-election in the Paddington ward. I also take this opportunity to congratulate Councillor Sarah Hutton, who will represent the ward of Jamboree. I wish retiring councillor Matthew Bourke all the best for the future.

I wish Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner and his re-elected Liberal National Party council all the best for their next term of administration. I thank the Queensland Liberal National Party organisation, including the various LNP local organisational units and local LNP branch members across the western

suburbs for their hard work and dedication in supporting locally endorsed LNP candidates and councillors. I conclude by acknowledging the leadership of Scott Morrison, the Prime Minister of Australia, in relation to the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic.