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LNP FULL OF EMPTY PROMISES FOR NORTH

Empty promises likely to dupe desperate North Queenslanders are all Opposition Leader Deb Frecklington had to offer while in Townsville this week, KAP State Leader Robbie Katter has said.

The Member for Traeger said Ms Frecklington had failed to provide any real solutions despite rattling off a list of the issues that were hurting North Queenslanders the most.

"We heard that about the LNP's plans to solve the region's water shortage, cut down electricity prices and reduce crime," Mr Katter said.

"While these suggestions may all be well and good in principle, how is anyone to believe the LNP has any real solutions if they don't show their hand?"

"They've said they'll look into Hells Gate Dam – well TEL is already doing that and that study has proven the concept to be not only viable but also largely profitable.

"They've said they'll close Townsville's two Supervised Bail Accommodation houses and keep young people in detention instead.

"This is also fine until you consider the fact that the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre is bursting at the seams.

"On this issue the KAP have driven real policies to deter troubled kids from re-offending, through initiatives like relocation sentencing, but neither of the major parties have been effective in assisting to make this a reality."

Mr Katter said while he welcomed competition in the North's electricity market, there were more obvious solutions – like Queensland companies writing down the value of their poles and wires business – which would provide significant hip pocket relief for consumers.

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“The LNP’s visit to the North could have been an opportunity for us to hear some intelligent alternatives to the policies of the Palaszczuk Government, but all I took away from it was promises that aren’t fleshed out by any real plan or meaningful change,” Mr Katter said.

“It is exactly this kind of thing North Queenslanders, and probably the majority of Australians, have had a gutful of when it comes to politicians.

“They promise the world but fail to deliver because they are too caught up in party politics and political games when they should be doing the hard yards.”

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