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Robbie Katter takes the reins of the KAP

The long term vision and success of Katter's Australian Party has been bolstered with Robbie Katter stepping up and taking the leadership from his father Bob Katter Jnr.

The State Member for Traeger said he'd been eager to inject himself into the political game at a high level.

"I've been champing at the bit, waiting to unleash, and now I've been passed the ball I'm ready to run through the gap," Robbie Katter said.

"Australian politics needs street fighters and we will continue that effort.

"Queensland needs someone not to talk about the Bradfield Scheme but to build it.

"Under new leadership we will steam roll October's State Elections and come out in a position of influence.

"We will build Bradfield, a rail line to the Galilee Basin and introduce relocation sentencing for youth offenders.

"The people of regional Queensland are demanding a new deal."

Outgoing KAP leader and Federal Member for Kennedy, Bob Katter Jnr. said it was time Robbie stepped up to the plate and forcefully took the party leadership.

"To our enemies, this will free up time for me to go after your heads, and to ensure this nation is built the way it was meant to be built," Bob Katter Jnr. said.

"We may be going through the worst period of unfairness since the First World War.

"And I quote the great Australian *Henry Lawson* in his poem '*Freedom of the Wallaby*.'

"We'll make the tyrants feel the sting

O' those that they would throttle;

They needn't say the fault is ours

If blood should stain the wattle!"

"In my book '*An Incredible Race of People, A Passionate History of Australia*' I said, *my problem is not that I have had to witness and suffer the rise of the Lilliputians, but my problem is that I had once walked with giants.*

"Watching our three State MPs in action, I see the rise again of the likes of Theodore, Theiss, Chifley, the much maligned Bjelke-Petersen and Sir Leo Hielscher.

“A leader is not just the person at the helm, but the people that stand behind him.”

Member for Hill Shane Knuth, who has a long-standing history with both Robbie and Bob, said he’d seen Robbie come a long way since playing Rugby League with him in the 90s.

“Since being elected under the KAP banner in 2012, Robbie has been able to draw from Bob’s experience and knowledge,” Mr Knuth said.

“Combining this with Robbie’s fresh approach has positioned the KAP as a proven force in the political arena.

“While Robbie takes the reins on the KAP – there is no doubt about it, Bob will continue to be a thorn in the side of his political rivals,” Mr Knuth said.

Hinchinbrook MP, Nick Dametto congratulated Bob and Robbie Katter on the transition of the leadership of Katter’s Australian Party.

“This would have to be the most significant political moment for North Queensland since the Party’s inception,” Mr Dametto said.

“The party was always set up with the intention of carrying on the good work of the Katter family into the future.

“This transition will ensure that North Queenslanders who back the principles and values of the KAP will have strong leadership to deliver for North Queensland for years to come.

“I look forward to continuing my work with the KAP under the leadership of Robbie Katter MP. “

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