

27 April 2026

Dear Candidate,

## **2026 Stafford By-Election: Acting on Affordability & Fighting for Queenslanders**

As General Secretary of the Queensland Council of Unions (QCU), I am writing to you on behalf of our members and the broader community regarding the Stafford by-election on May 16th, 2026.

Through our "*Fighting for Queenslanders*" campaign, we are highlighting the urgent issues facing local families who deserve a real plan to tackle the rising cost of living. As a candidate, we're asking you to provide clarity on where you stand on the following issues:

- **Affordability and Cost of Living:** Queenslanders are facing skyrocketing costs. What concrete actions will you take to ensure that the government provides a real plan for affordability and additional help with the cost of living?
- **Workplace Rights and Safety:** Will you stand up against plans to weaken workplace safety through changes to our nation-leading codes of practice and workplace health and safety laws and ensure every Queenslander can come home safe?
- **Public Health and Education:** The northside community relies on the Prince Charles Hospital and our local schools. Will you commit to fighting any proposed cuts to the hospital and ensuring our teachers receive the support they need?
- **Housing Security:** The cost of housing continues to put pressure on local families, what is your specific strategy to address the housing crisis in Stafford?
- **Reproductive Rights:** Access to healthcare is a fundamental right. Will you commit to protecting the right to choose in Queensland and ensuring reproductive health services remain safe, legal, and accessible for all?

The QCU believes that voters deserve to know who has a plan to act on the issues that matter to our community. We will be sharing candidate responses with our members and the public online to ensure they have the facts before they vote.

I look forward to your timely response.

Kind regards,

**Jacqueline King**  
General Secretary  
Queensland Council of Unions