



# Wellington's Way March 2015

Keeping the electorate of Nicklin up to date  
on local and State issues.



## Welcome to the First E Newsletter for 2015

2015 has been go, go, go.

While most of us were relaxing and enjoying catching up with family and friends Campbell Newman decided to call an early election and the rest, as they say, is history.

It was a short but hectic campaign, with the final figures showing that after preferences were distributed I received 18,058 votes and the LNP candidate received 9,770 out of a total of 30,230 votes.

The election resulted in a hung Parliament with the ALP gaining 44 seats, LNP 42, Katters 2 and me as the only Independent.

When it became clear that neither the ALP or LNP could form Government in their own right I had a meeting with Lawrence Springborg, Annastacia Palaszczuk and the two Katter Party Members. After a number of meetings I made the decision to support Annastacia Palaszczuk to form Government.

(The attached link will take you to the letters we exchanged.)

<http://www.peterwellingtonmp.com/Letter%20Exchange%202015.pdf>

The exchange of letters between the Premier and myself clearly set out that I will support her government on all confidence motions unless there is evidence of corruption, illegal activities or like matters. And in relation to proposed changes to laws, I will vote as I choose irrespective of whether the proposal is from the Government, Opposition or Cross Bench.

I have already had a number of meetings with the Premier and some of her Ministers to discuss issues that I believe are important to our region and I am happy with how things are working so far.

During the Newman Government I continually lobbied to get some justice for the subbies caught up in the Walton collapse and to change the law so that subbies are protected from rogue operators. This was one of the matters included in my exchange of letters with the Premier.

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## Position of Speaker

I was offered the nomination for the position of Speaker of the House, and was happy to accept this nomination. Since the position was offered to me I have been working with the Clerk of Parliament, the Leader of the Opposition, Lawrence Springborg and Government representatives to improve how our Parliament operates.

Yesterday I was unanimously elected by all Members of Parliament to the position of Speaker. Immediately after the election I delivered a short speech setting out some of the issues of importance to me, as Speaker. Later that day I met with the Queensland Governor to formalise my appointment to the position of Speaker of the 55<sup>th</sup> Queensland Parliament.

I have attached a link to my first speech as Speaker.

<http://www.peterwellingtonmp.com/Speaker%20first%20speech%20to%20Parliament.pdf>

As this email is being forwarded, we are looking at the first debate being a vote of confidence in the Government.

Looking forward to bringing you regular updates on what is happening in the electorate and in Parliament.

## Swearing in at Government House

Regards

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