

[Capricornia-24th-Post 3] Model-BigBigBoss organizes his “Sofa-Stop” event again, this time in Yeppoon,



Model-BigBigBoss visited living rooms across Yeppoon, speaking with constituents about pressing issues and questions they care about

William: “Boss, I’m a family man. I have a business, and I’ve been running ever since my father was too old to do it. Despite so many different governments, we still have seen barely any action on helping us, the owners of small and family business. Will you break the chain?”

Model-BBB: Thank you William for the question, and let me just state on the record that you, and people like you, are what drives the spirit of not only this constituency but also Australia! As for my plan, it’s rather simple. First of all, I will ensure that there is at the bare minimum a full scale cut in corporation tax that small and family businesses must pay. Red tape has to go as well, and with that I would like to announce to you my policy of making Business Registration free. All this will do is allow SFEs to grow, and make our economy more entrepreneurial and active. To experience growth we have to take risks and motivate people to start and grow their business, and I do sincerely believe these measures will create a new golden era for SFEs across Australia Second, to level out the playing field, I will be pushing for the creation of a Small and Family Business Unit in the Fair Work Commission, making sure our small businesses in this country get the protections they need! William, what I want for you is to not just feel growth now, but create foundations for a new framework that even your children will one day use to get their business up and running, if they decide to take this great business of yours on!

Henry and Cathrine: “As a family, with three kids, we want only the best for our children. Yet being a family today is tough, there’s no incentive to have a family like we do, the housing market goes crazy most of the time and the education, mental health and health services in this country are failing. Boss, can you save this?”

Model-BBB: Henry and Catherine, before I respond, let me just say thank you. Thank you for being such loving parents and having such a beautiful family, truly inspirational for all Aussies across this country! Now to your question. As far as family policy goes, the way I see it, family is the most basic unit of society. As such it’s my view that we ought to promote families, and create a proper system for support. I know that you’re married, and as such you’ll be happy to know that The CPA will deliver income tax cuts and property tax reliefs for all couples that are married, and have or adopt children. Furthermore, for Mental Health, and this’ll certainly touch your kids, we are bringing a total overhaul. We will bring forward a Senate Inquiry or a Royal Commission on the Mental Health Crisis in this country, because the time is now! I pledge to contribute more funding for rural mental health and education services, prepare a new mental health strategy and deliver mandatory counselors in schools. We’ll make Healthcare affordable, and begin the fight for rural health services. For Education for your little ones, we will ramp up funding, particularly for rural education. We will also resubmit the Education Equality Act, which levels out the costs and playing field in education. Under a CPA government, families, students and young people will not be left behind!

Dan: “So Boss, we got ‘em Chinese rolling about ,eh, with all this communism rubbish! What will you do about that?”

Model-BBB: Dan, remember two things. First, the CPA has always been an AUSTRALIAN party! We are the only party that has stood up to China, and always worked to preserve our interests. As a former CPA Defence Minister, and as someone who helped write out much of the CPA’s current Defence plan, I can assure you — we will be safe. Second, through our planned modernization package for our Air Force and Navy, we will achieve superiority in the air and on the seas like never before. Through procuring new vehicles and technology, for our military’s branches, we will create a 21st Century Defence Force. In addition, we will also propose the new funding for hybrid operations and warfare projects, create a new Counter-Interference Center under the ASIO and create hopefully a new branch of our Armed Forces, that being a specialized Cyber and Information Force, that will streamline our hybrid, information and cyber defence and operations. In addition to setting up new cooperation through AUKUS, Defence Cooperation Agreements in Asia and Oceania and a new Foreign Aid policy to help create an Australia-Led coalition for a free Oceania, trust me, there will be in the end absolutely no incentive for the CCP to ever threaten us!

Mary and James: “Hey Boss. I’ve never been a CPA voter, I’ve always voted for the CLP. Sell me on why you are the representation for us: The Country Labour Folk.....”

Model-BBB: Well Mary, it’s quite simple. The CLP have a nice name, “Country” and “Labour”. However, when you dig down a bit you realize they are neither for “Country”, nor

for “Labour”. Take the current MP, they haven’t shown up in parliament virtually at all — and when they did, it was to oppose Nuclear Energy. Nuclear Energy being the energy source that is not only carbon neutral but also highly efficient. This source of energy would bring power to rural Australia, power and efficiency that we can’t even fathom. Yet they stood against it, in collaboration with the CCP fanclub that is the ALP. Now, is that really a representation of the “country” folk? What about Labour, well I’ve not heard one word, literally this entire term, from the Country “Labour” Party about labor issues. Nothing about unions, workers, workers’ rights or even jobs, up until only recently in ARTB’s campaign. I get that you might think we are not left leaning enough, but even I stood in the Senate Chamber and spoke in favor of a bill that would give the Fair Work Commission more teeth to bite back against late pay or minimum wage breaches. It’s great that you’re skeptical, that’s what elections are about. But when the choice is between a CPA MP who has been a voice for this constituency, who has pushed for policy and who stays consistent in their views — and then a “Country” “Labour” MP who already via their actions acts contrary to their party’s name and has not created anything for this constituency..... Well Mary, I think the decision couldn’t have been made easier for you!

Joseph: “Oi, I saw that you’re some old Sydney bloke. What do you even want ‘ere?”

Model-BBB: It is true that I ran in Sydney during my first ever election. At the time I was a newbie in Aussie politics, and this seat was being handled by a more senior CPA campaigner who had an existing name and vision here, and as I only want the best for my constituency there was no point in creating a fuss about this as a newbie campaigner. I was called into the Sydney race because Capricornia already had a visionary and leader, and Sydney needed another one. In Sydney, even as a first time candidate, I presented a strong infrastructure plan and plan for economic growth. I talked with people, learnt the ways and realized why I decided to get into this battle in the first place. In the end I lost the election, and ever since I had discussions with CPA leadership, which I’ve now been in for about 4 terms, and have come back this election, after 3 successful terms here prior, to deliver on three simple pledges: Greatness, Growth and Opportunities. My opponent will use my Sydney experience as evidence of me not being loyal to you, but I’d also note that whilst my opponent claims to have been loyal to this constituency they’ve lost three times in a row to me, the *disloyal* one, and have virtually no track record here. Whereas I’ve brought you the Yeppoon Development Fund, regional and rural projects and funding, Bushfires Counter-Fund in the recent budget and a constant fight against drugs and gambling adverts and for nuclear energy or universal opt-out organ donation! I am honored to have served this seat, and now Queensland, and I will not back down from this fight, unlike others!

John: “You know sir, I had an old friend here recently. We visited Rockhampton, Yeppoon and Oorelea. The lack of tourist establishments was ludicrous, the lack of culture as well! What plan does the CPA have for our tourism sector and culture?”

Model-BBB: Well John, let me start with saying this is a great tragedy. Our culture is magnificent, our indigenous heritage is as well. And despite all this, and despite the money that we put into infrastructure development, we still have lacking tourism. To promote tourism, I will create Tourism Enhancement Funds in our main cultural sites. These will inject

money into our tourist and culture sector, and stimulate our local economies by creating new services and jobs. For culture, I will put pressure on any government we are in to review the current state of cultural heritage in our region and how we can advance their standing and make them into better tourist sites and preserve them. The same goes for indigenous heritage, arts and education — which all will receive the investment they deserve! This all is the plan for rejuvenating our lost culture and tourism sector, our GREATNESS!

Edward: “Boss, on this street it’s become hell. Drugs, Violence, Crime.... What’s worse is that we no longer trust ourselves or our cops either. Boss, what will you do about crime?”

Model-BBB: I’ve always used the slogan, “tough on crime, tougher on its causes”. Crime, as a security matter, must be dealt with. This is why I’ll propose new funding for the AFP and also rural police forces, Specifically under a new “Queensland Rural Police Modernization and Capacity-Building Fund”. In addition we will bring better education and training for our officers, prepare them through secondments and direct experience and built up our capabilities to hunt down criminals. Penalties for crimes will be raised, police presence will be increased and threats like drugs will be dealt with. In addition we will crack down on young offenders, by creating a new separate category, and also by creating boot camps for young offenders, so they get disciplined and can re-integrate under better circumstances than those offered by traditional prisons. That said, prevention is equally crucial. I was the author of the Community Policing Fund in the last government, and this time it’s back, bringing trust back to the communities. As communities, and their trust in the police, play an important role in prevention, I will propose creating community police oversight boards and revive community centers across the country with designated community prevention representatives who will speak with crime affected communities and spread awareness on crime, mental health, education and prevention and bring back communities into this struggle. My prevention strategy will see the police join up with local communities, education, youth organizations, charities, faith initiatives and the private sector to create a broad partnership that will help bring back trust in policing and that will create social cohesion that will break up the cycle of crime. Additionally through our welfare reforms and fight against poverty, homelessness and addictions, the economic and social conditions that cause a lot of crime will likely be limited, hence I only expect that crime will drop! It is only the CPA that has a plan for fighting and preventing crime, and I hope that we can finally deliver it this term!