



## **Business**

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### **Alan Corbett**

13. What measures are in place to help increase the number of local apprentices and tradies in the Wide Bay Region, and what support is available to SMEs to encourage them to employ more apprentices and trainees?

This is something government must address.

14. At a recent Wide Bay industry event there was discussion regarding the lack of a specialised Trade Training College/Institution for school students wanting to pursue and excel in a VET career pathway, (senior education blended with VET training and industry work placement). Is this a focus for you and your government?

I would welcome advice and suggestions as to what is needed.

15. Insurance is a significant issue for many businesses in this area. Flood insurance has been impossible to get for those that were impacted in 2013, but since COVID, it has become worse, with businesses unable to find anybody to quote, and if they do, the quote is often unaffordable. What plans do you or your party have for bringing down the cost of insurance for business?

This is not within my power but reducing and mitigating the risk is an obvious first step.

16. Given inflation on all things, if elected would you support a review of thresholds such as land tax and payroll tax thresholds?

If business recommended this option and provided evidence of the beneficial effects I would support a review.

### **Bree Watson**

The LNP will deliver Regional Business Gateways to prioritise regional small and family businesses and startups, establishing hubs to drive opportunity and prosperity across Queensland.

An LNP Government will make grants available to support local Chambers of Commerce, other trade organisations and local councils, to build business hubs in Queensland's regional centres.

Under Labor, Queensland has the highest small business failure rate in the country, sitting at a heartbreaking 36 per cent.

Over 40 per cent of all employment in Queensland is through small businesses, with nearly 500,000 of them on the books, and the lack of support for them especially in the regions.



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LNP's priority is identifying and removing unnecessary red tape that is tying-up small business and making it more difficult to operate in QLD.

LNP small business concierge service will take the questions out of where to get answers from the government, streamlining the process for everything from payroll approvals to fast tracking enquiries.

The LNP's Small business first policy will:

- a. boost productivity and reduce red tape for small and family business.
- b. two new dedicated customer service teams to streamline and support to create a one stop shop for small business accessing government services.
- c. regional innovation and start-up hubs funded with new grants program.
- d. two new grants programs to support small and family construction businesses and professional care providers.

**For further information:**

If you want to know anything more or more specific information about my position and the LNP position, please visit our website for The Right Plan:

<https://online.lnp.org.au/therightplan>