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KAP CANDIDATE FOR LEICHHARDT

The people Dan represents in North Queensland are enterprising and bustling to invest and embrace opportunities. He believes it's time we let them get ahead and to get the balance right; so that all industry can thrive, so the economy is soundly diversified, and we iron out the boom and bust cycles.

Upgrading the Kuranda Range and the National Highway, expanding our ports, growing our regional economy by removing the shackles from small businesses along with reducing the outrageously high electricity and insurance costs on business and families are Daniels priorities.

Daniels tenacity, expertise and negotiation skills proved invaluable in Canberra in 2018, when he was successful in securing the full support of all 11 cross-bench Senators for the revised Coral Sea Marine Parks plan. This was a huge win, with a good balance of responsible use and environmental protection. It was the only time the government has enjoyed full cross-bench senate support. For a decade Dan was the President of the Cairns Professional Game Fishing Association and part of numerous government advisory committees. The Coral Sea lock-outs caused the fishing industry tremendous grief. There are numerous other industries with similarly difficult issues that requires a strong Federal member to help solve them.

In 2016, Dan stood as an independent candidate for Leichhardt. In May 2018 he joined the KAP, a party that is truly focused on North Queensland. Recently, hung parliaments are giving the KAP held seats a voice with incredible influence. He believes we have a real opportunity to stand out nationally.

Dan is a 47-year-old father of 5 children. His wife is head of a Special Education unit at a local school. He is a Cairns local of 34 years and went to St Augustine's college. He has built a couple of small business from scratch and often worked multiple jobs with a young family. He progressed to the Fisheries Department conducting surveillance and enforcement for government agencies, and then onto operating private charter vessels, as part of the tourism industry.

