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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.36 pm): Labor has comprehensively failed Queensland over the past five years. Even before the COVID-19 health pandemic, debt in Queensland was projected to reach \$91.8 billion. Now, debt is projected to reach \$102 billion. Even before the COVID-19 health pandemic, Queensland had Australia's highest unemployment rate, the most number of bankruptcies and the lowest level of business confidence. Now, more than 234,000 Queenslanders are unemployed. Labor has all but given up on the projected 72,000 Queenslanders predicted to lose their jobs in the coming months.

Next month, Queenslanders will finally be able to pass judgement on the abysmal record of the Palaszczuk state Labor government over the past five years—five years of Labor's various accountability and integrity scandals; five years of failing to address roads, active and public transport, and traffic congestion; five years of devastating failures in child safety, failing to protect communities right across Queensland; five years of skyrocketing crime in communities across Queensland; and five years of failing to deliver the vital health and education services that each and every Queenslander deserves.

There is hope for Queenslanders, including those in the electorate of Moggill and more broadly across the western suburbs of Brisbane. The LNP has great candidates: Lauren Day in Maiwar, Trent Wiseman in Cooper and Roger Hooper in Mount Ommaney. They all understand that the LNP has a comprehensive economic plan to create and protect jobs, stimulate the economy and get Queensland out of this current recession. The LNP's plan will build infrastructure, bust traffic congestion, ease cost-of-living pressures, deliver water security and ensure better health and education services whilst also ensuring a strong commitment to protecting our environment.

The LNP has already announced many exciting commitments for the electorate of Moggill and, more broadly, the western suburbs of Brisbane. It is only the LNP that will deliver the \$25 million safety upgrade to the Kenmore roundabout. The LNP has announced a \$245 million commitment to build a new Centenary Bridge to bust traffic congestion on one of Queensland's most congested motorways and in doing so bust traffic congestion in the western suburbs. There is our free travel for students via \$500 travel vouchers as well as free off-peak travel for seniors on the Citytrain network. The LNP will work with Brisbane City Council to build a footpath for local residents in the electorate of Moggill to provide safer active travel to the Moggill District Sports Park. The LNP will extend the route of the 444 bus to this great sports facility.

The LNP has also announced a \$4 million commitment to a new hall at Kenmore State High School. The LNP will also prioritise referring Mount Crosby, Karana Downs and neighbouring suburbs for additional school infrastructure via a reformed independent schools planning commission. It is only the LNP that understands what is needed for Queensland. It is only the LNP that can get Queensland working again. On 31 October, the people of Queensland need to elect an LNP government.