



Speech by

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**PERFORMANCE OF BEATTIE GOVERNMENT**

**Mr HORAN** (Toowoomba South—NPA) (Leader of the Opposition) (10.23 a.m.): Once upon a time in Queensland we judged good government by looking at the cranes in the sky. Today we judge the poor performance of the Beattie government by the cranes in the river. The hallmarks of this government are incompetence, non-delivery and arrogance.

Let us start with the Brisbane River footbridge fiasco—\$20 million of wasted taxpayers' money and it is not even up yet. What about the people around the rest of Queensland who would like some decent fire trucks, seatbelts in school buses, some weirs to provide jobs and employment, airconditioning in schools, roads or youth facilities? All they see as the signature—the brand—of this Beattie Labor government is the footbridge fiasco. They see \$20 million down the river.

This government has an absolute litany of failures and non-performance. There has been the Brisbane River footbridge, which I have just mentioned. Not a single project has been delivered. Look at the way it lost Expo 2002, the light rail for Brisbane, and the synchrotron to Victoria. The Papua New Guinea pipeline was the signature project of this government's last term. Where is that project now? Look at the native title hold-ups. About 1,700 mining and exploration leases have not been processed that would deliver good jobs to people all around the state, particularly in the north. Look at the lack of professionalism and timely involvement in the AMC project. This government should have been monitoring that equity raising on a 24-hour-a-day basis and been able to move in while there was still time. Look at the last ministerial statement by the Minister for Natural Resources, which highlighted the flaws in the scientific investigation of its water project. There is a litany of failures from start to finish.

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