




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR MUNDINGBURRA

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MOTION: INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Mundingburra—LNP) (Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience) (6.21 pm): I can only say how absolutely appalling it is to have those opposite come in today and attempt to lecture us about infrastructure delivery. Of all people to come in and attempt to lecture someone about the ability to deliver infrastructure, though it certainly is very refreshing to see the member for South Brisbane finally register her interest about something. That is nice; that is positive; that is a step forward. The assistant transport minister described her as the 'little engine that could'. That was interesting. It would be nice if she would 'choo choo choose' to put some things down on the register one day because—

Ms TRAD: I rise to a point of order.

Madam SPEAKER: Order, members! Minister, take your seat. Pause the clock. What is your point of order?

Ms TRAD: I find the statements made by the member for Mundingburra offensive and I ask that they be withdrawn.

Madam SPEAKER: Minister, I ask that you withdraw.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I withdraw, and I will not lock it in, Eddie. Can I just comment on a government that comes in here and attempts to lecture us about infrastructure delivery. I will briefly touch on an aspect of the original motion that I found particularly offensive. It was the ability of those opposite to attempt to show an interest in regional Queensland and an interest in the delivery of infrastructure to regional Queensland. In fact today, during the course of question time, to hear the member for South Brisbane interject on the Treasurer and comment that one of the reasons for the great financial turnaround of this state was the fact there were no natural disasters in this financial year, shows an absolute lack of understanding of regional Queensland.

Member for South Brisbane, there was not a natural disaster this financial year in Brisbane, but Queensland is bigger than Brisbane—

Ms TRAD: Point of order, Madam Speaker.

Madam SPEAKER: What is your point of order?

Ms TRAD: The member is misrepresenting what I was interjecting on.

Madam SPEAKER: Please take your seat. Order, members! Order!

Ms TRAD: I find his statement and his imputation personally offensive and he should withdraw.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I will withdraw if the member finds it offensive. But there was no misrepresentation, I can promise you that. I want to comment as a regional Queenslanders about this plan and why—

Mrs Miller: You're a fraud!

Mr CRISAFULLI: Member for Bundamba, I do not find that offensive because you are irrelevant.

Madam SPEAKER: Order, members! Minister, please take your seat. Pause the clock. Order! I call the minister.

Mr CRISAFULLI: As a regional Queenslander, I want to comment about this project. I want to explain why those who seek to drive a wedge between regional Queensland and the south-east have got it wrong. Regional Queenslanders, the people who I represent, do not begrudge money spent outside of their particular region. They begrudge two things: one is the fact that they have been starved of funding for their projects, the things that matter; the second is to have seen the waste that has been spent in this place. That is what causes the frustration. The people I represent are not malicious people who do not want to see things happen elsewhere; they just do not want to see waste. That is what they do not want to see. They want to see an end to the way government was in this place; where dams were built without pipelines and pipelines were built without dams. Do you know what they have seen in recent times? They have seen projects like Blakeys Crossing finally get underway. They have finally seen a plan to do something about the Bruce Highway. I will not let the member for Mulgrave off the hook on this, because again in his speech today there was a little backhanded swipe about the Bruce Highway funding and casino licences. This is a man who will do nothing but undermine a potential job creation project and a piece of infrastructure which means everything for his part of the world. I will hold him to account on that.

I am sadly running out of time, but let me say this to you: the previous Labor government did not have a mandate from the people to sell assets. The former federal Labor government failed to meet former transport minister Anastacia Palaszczuk's 2011 demands for 75 per cent of the funding for Cross River Rail. The former Labor government did not have a policy to deliver extra capacity for the rail network between 2016 and 2020. The Newman government is delivering better planning and better infrastructure. The Newman government is delivering a significant transport infrastructure program, despite the debt and deficit left by the former Labor government. The Newman government is delivering on all of its election promises for better transport infrastructure for all Queensland. Above all the Newman government promised better planning and better infrastructure, and we are now delivering for a great state with great opportunities.

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