



Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**


**MEMBER FOR MUNDINGBURRA**

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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Mundingburra—LNP) (Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience) (9.57 am): Local government delivers directly to its communities but it has long been regarded by those opposite as public enemy No. 1. Projects like Hinchinbrook's Kelly Theatre digital upgrade for around \$74,000, Yungaburra's Avenue of Honour to commemorate our fallen soldiers in Afghanistan, the CF White Oval's field lighting for Stanthorpe in the Southern Downs, the Jericho Drive-in theatre digital upgrade, the wonderful community centre at Thargomindah—these are the nuts and bolts of a community. We can do so much more for local government than just these projects. One of the frustrations they see is when time and time again money is siphoned off to pay for failed projects. For instance, there is the Betterment Fund. It consists of \$80 million worth of funding and yet there is over \$1 billion worth of applications.

Local government has a thirst to deliver more for their community. Imagine what could happen if we free them from the shackles of Labor debt.