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**TRANSPORT LEGISLATION (FEES) AMENDMENT REGULATION (NO. 1):
DISALLOWANCE OF STATUTORY INSTRUMENT**

 **Mr MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (9.12 pm): I rise to speak in favour of the disallowance motion moved by the member for Indooroopilly. This debate can be summed up very simply. Who do you trust to run the economy? Do you trust these people, the Labor Party, who are a bunch of economic incompetents, or do you trust those on this side of the House who have a track record of proven competence in managing the economy? Who do you trust? It is quite easy to do a compare and contrast, and maybe we can educate some of the backbenchers who have recently been elected.

In the nine years leading up to the 2012 election government expenditure increased by an average of nine per cent per year and we were heading towards a debt of close to \$100 billion—\$100 billion. What happened under an LNP government? What happened when the adults came to government? Over the last three years we reduced that increase in expenditure by an average of two per cent. We brought that projected \$100 billion debt down to \$80 billion and we were on our way to eroding that even further.

Then we simply need to do a compare and contrast in the public transport area. As has been mentioned a number of times tonight, in 2012 those opposite had a projected 15 per cent increase in public transport fees for every year for the next three years. What did we do when we came to power? We halved that immediately. What else happened under the former Labor government? They had increased car rego by 30 per cent over the previous four years. When you spend like a drunken sailor and you have no other plan, the only way that you can raise revenue is to increase charges and taxes, and that is what they have a record of doing.

What did we do in the public transport space? We all know that we froze car rego for three years. We all know that we halved that projected 15 per cent increase per year to 7½ per cent. Not only did we do that; the transport minister at the time did something that has never been done before: he actually reduced public transport costs by five per cent. We froze the increase that was due on 1 January this year as well. What else did we do? Not only did we reduce public transport costs; we increased services. Every 15 minutes trains were running on the Ferny Grove line through my electorate, and that was to continue right across the state.

This is simply a debate about economic competence. I know that we are the ones who have to constantly come in and mop up the mess that Labor governments, whether they be state or federal, leave behind because they have simply no idea and no plan. They have no option whatsoever than to vote with this side of the House on this disallowance motion so that they can go back to their electorates and say that they fought for a decrease in costs, and the people in their electorates who struggle, such as those in the electorate of the member for Logan, will fully appreciate their support for that.