




Speech By
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State Infrastructure Plan

 **Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Premier and Minister for the Arts) (9.35 am): At the weekend, the Deputy Premier, the Minister for Transport and I formally released the State Infrastructure Plan. When we were in opposition, we urged the former LNP government to develop a plan. It did not do it. In government, we have developed a plan and we will deliver it for the people of Queensland. The plan that we have developed in less than 15 months in office is a plan for the next 15 years. The plan is for Queensland's future—the future jobs and future opportunities for our state.

The project pipeline in our plan will generate jobs in construction. The \$500 million State Infrastructure Fund allocates about \$300 million for the Priority Economic Works and Productivity Program. More than 1,000 full-time-equivalent jobs will be driven through these projects alone. The project pipeline in our plan will improve not only the opportunities for work but also how Queenslanders get to and from work and how we get the goods we produce to market. This fund builds on my existing capital budget of \$35 billion over four years that includes the \$10.1 billion this financial year and \$2 billion allocated for additional infrastructure spending since the election.

The federal government is a contributor to infrastructure spending. It contributed to the previous government's capital budget and it will contribute to mine. Its contribution through projects like the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing and upgrading the Bruce Highway is welcomed but it needs to do more. Let us remember that the Turnbull government's total commitment to current and future infrastructure investment across the country is \$50 billion. We need the Turnbull government to contribute its share to the projects that we are committed to here in Queensland.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: I would urge the members of the opposition if they are going to make interjections to make them relevant and not simply use interjections to try to disrupt the speaker.

Ms PALASZCZUK: We need to get our share. We need that commitment for projects in our State Infrastructure Plan. We need that commitment for major road projects like the Ipswich Motorway upgrade, Rocklea-Darra stage 1, and the Pacific Motorway-Gateway Motorway merge upgrade on the southbound lanes. We need the Turnbull government to contribute to projects like the new stadium in Townsville. The Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2 contribution was a welcome start but nonetheless a start.

I spoke to the Prime Minister late last week. The Prime Minister knows what we want, but he needs to deliver on what we need. I urge all members of parliament to put Queensland first and help fight for our fair share of infrastructure spending from Canberra.