



Speech By  
**Hon. Curtis Pitt**


**MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE**

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**Budget**

 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Sport) (2.49 pm): The budget I delivered yesterday set out three very clear things we want to do: grow innovation, attract investment and build infrastructure. Through the economic plan we have devised and that we delivered yesterday, we will be advancing this economy. There will be some 31,000 jobs as a direct result of our \$40 billion Capital Works Program and 8,000 jobs as a direct result of the \$100 million we will be putting into the regional Back to Work program.

The member for Indooroopilly is quite astonishing. He comes in here and has a go on almost any topic but he leaves information out. Yesterday we heard him on the ABC with Emma Griffiths. It was a very interesting debate. Emma Griffiths asked—

Scott Emerson, would you be promising more on infrastructure and how would you pay for it? Would you sell the assets, raise the taxes or cut services?

Scott Emerson replied—

Well, look at what we did when we were in office there, Emma ...

Emma Griffiths replied—

You cut jobs.

That is exactly right: they cut jobs. Now they do not like our plan. If those opposite are going to continue to not like our plan—

**Mr Nicholls:** We thought there was a punch line coming.

**Mr PITT:** Oh, there is a punch line. The punch line is that the member for Indooroopilly went on to talk about the fact that he thinks we are not doing enough in terms of infrastructure. In the space of two minutes we heard the shadow Treasurer on 612ABC say that simultaneously we are not spending enough on infrastructure and we are on a spending spree. He cannot have it both ways.

The member for Indooroopilly was having a go at our government for deferrals and for having an underspend on infrastructure. What was the infrastructure underspend in the 2013-14 budget under Tim Nicholls, the member for Clayfield, former treasurer and now Leader of the Opposition? They had a larger underspend than us, with \$2.2 billion. Over the past five years that underspend has been continually up at around \$1.75 billion.

Yesterday the member for Indooroopilly went on radio to try to find holes in our budget. What he found—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members, I do not mind someone interjecting but, quite frankly, it is not going to disintegrate into just shouting across the chamber.

**Mr PITT:** He tried to find holes. He found that stakeholders were actually supporting our budget, as I alluded to earlier. We have had positive responses to this budget because people know that we are getting on with the job of growing our economy through hard work and supporting regional Queensland.

We know that the member opposite has problems understanding which came first. He is clearly looking at old advice from the State Actuary and not looking at the most recent advice. No doubt that will be the plan of attack of those opposite today. I will answer their questions very happily, because we on this side of the House know that this is a government that is getting on with the job. It is a back-to-work budget. I think those opposite need to get back to work, coming up with some policies.

*(Time expired)*