



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Palaszczuk Labor Government, Performance**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.20 am): As I travel the length and breadth of this state I can see that the roads are not being built, that public transport infrastructure is not being delivered and that regional Queensland is being left behind. The only infrastructure that this government is interested in delivering is union infrastructure. Instead of getting out there and talking to real Queenslanders about their infrastructure needs, the Deputy Premier is holding closed-door meetings with unions, union bosses and Labor Party factional powerbrokers, and Queenslanders are paying the price. No matter what part of the state I visit, it is obvious that local communities are missing out on the infrastructure that they need. This Labor government has no plan to duplicate the Sunshine Coast rail line. This Labor government has no plan to build the Sumners Road overpass, it has no plan in relation to the Cleveland-Redland Bay Road and it certainly has no plan to build the Kingaroy Hospital. The Labor government has no plan to do anything in relation to Cross River Rail. The only plan that this Labor government has is holding out its cap to the federal government. If it had any of its own plans, it would not have to do that.

The Labor government has no plan to deliver the inland highway to create that new, much needed inland route to be used during flooding and natural disasters to ease the pressure on the Bruce Highway. This is a government whose accelerated works program has failed to deliver jobs, and this has again been highlighted today in the *Townsville Bulletin*. In its first budget this Labor government cut infrastructure spending in major regional centres such as Townsville, Mackay and Cairns. This Labor government also scrapped the much loved Royalties for the Regions program—a program that delivered much needed infrastructure to the regions. It has halved the program. It has cut the guts out of rural and regional Queensland in electorates that benefited from it like Gregory, Warrego and Mount Isa. That program built things. No matter how small those capital projects were, they were building things in the regions and, most importantly, those projects were supporting jobs and growth. Unfortunately, this Labor government has decided to cut many of those job-growing infrastructure projects that we had out there in the regions and that we have in the cities. This is a Labor government that is doing nothing and it needs to get on with the job.