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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (12.07 pm): It gives me absolutely no joy to rise in this House again to address yet another failure of the Palaszczuk Labor government. When it comes to infrastructure, they know no bounds. In a media report today, engineering firm RPS has identified that public spending on infrastructure is the lowest it has been in 10 years. This is just months after we sat in this House and listened to the Premier, the Treasurer and the Deputy Premier boasting about their infrastructure budget.

RPS makes the point that failing public infrastructure funding is depriving future generations of the infrastructure they need. We have seen the failure of this Palaszczuk government when it comes to their touted infrastructure budget which was a non-event. As I have said in this House many times, it was \$2 billion less than our previous LNP budget. Not only that, we also saw a massive underspend of the infrastructure spend for the previous 12 months that the Deputy Premier was in control of. That money simply did not get out the door.

The problem is more immediate. I have just listened to the member for Ipswich talking about the failure of the Palaszczuk government in relation to getting jobs for Queenslanders, and it is a failure because as I travel around rural and regional Queensland the so-called jobs that the member for Ipswich is talking about simply are not there.

I am listening to people as to why those jobs are not there. They are constantly saying that it is because there is a government here in Queensland that is not doing anything. There are no projects being kick-started. There is no infrastructure being spent in many of those industries. They certainly know the real figures. They know that around 24,000 jobs have been lost since January. They also know that the fall continues in relation to this issue. It is absolutely diabolical for the people out there in rural and regional Queensland.

It is incredible as well to have sat here in this House and had to listen to others talking about One Nation, for example, when they do not talk about the jobs-destroying Greens party and why they are preferencing the jobs-destroying Greens party. We have just heard the Leader of the Opposition talk about the native vegetation laws and how the jobs-destroying Greens party was more than happy to try to ram those laws through the parliament. They also supported those opposite when the Attorney-General stood in this House and gave us 18 minutes—not just those of us in this House but all of Queensland. We all know, just like all those unemployed people out in rural and regional Queensland know, that this Palaszczuk government does not consult with Queenslanders. They are all talk, it is all rhetoric and they simply do not consult. They did not consult on the legislation regarding voting preferences which they brought into this House with only 18 minutes to go. If they are so high and mighty about protecting their jobs-destroying Greens party, why do they not then restore the rights

of people to vote in the way they wish to vote? If they want to have consultation with the people, if they want to get jobs back for the people of Queensland, they would allow the people of Queensland to vote in any manner they choose. We have just heard the Leader of the Opposition say that he would support a move to have those laws overturned.

We know that it is those opposite who are relying upon the green movement and their extreme support for jobs-destroying projects. We have seen it with the Adani coalmine project. Why will they not get out of the way and get that up and going? We have seen projects that would support trade and investment here in Queensland like the Townsville eastern access. We hear nothing from the Deputy Premier and infrastructure minister about what they are doing to support that vital project. Another such project is the Rookwood Weir and we have heard nothing from the Minister for Infrastructure in relation to that project which would actually be able to kick-start that area of Queensland and get some further investment into this great state. We have heard absolutely nothing from the Minister for Infrastructure in relation to any of those projects that would actually kick-start this state and provide some jobs here for—

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