




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Cross River Rail

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.22 am): We see another week in Queensland parliament and another week of the failure of the Palaszczuk Labor government in relation to 'Cross River Fail'.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Would you like to table that?

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: Yes, I am more than happy to table the front page of the *Courier-Mail* that clearly outlines another 'Cross River Fail'.

Tabled paper: Front page of the *Courier-Mail*, dated 4 October 2016, with the headline 'Cross River Rail Fail' [[1809](#)].

Labor have failed to deliver their own delivery authority that is meant, by their own words, to deliver their No. 1 infrastructure project, Cross River Rail. It is all because of the inaction of the member for South Brisbane. I am not sure what we would expect after we heard about six secret new taxes—Labor's new taxes on property owners and the ticket levy are yet to be ruled out—a quoted cost of \$5.4 billion that only includes the tunnel, not trains or auxiliary stations and no plan from Labor on how it will fill the financial black hole of Cross River Rail; and no mention of the \$5 billion of operating costs and how they are planning to pay for this.

In a statement on 7 April—and I am happy to table it—the then acting premier talks about the delivery authority that she has failed to set up. She says, 'We have fast-tracked the business case for our No. 1 priority infrastructure project and announced plans to establish a delivery authority to ensure the project will be built.'

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 11 October 2016, by the Deputy Premier, Minister for Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade and Investment, Hon. Jackie Trad, and the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games, Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe, titled 'Palaszczuk Government will establish new authority to deliver Cross River Rail' [[1810](#)].

That was back in April. She then goes back to her office and completely forgets. Six months later there is still no action in relation to this.

Mr Nicholls: Just like Building Queensland.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take that interjection; just like Building Queensland. We see the leaked business case. Of course, the Deputy Premier is more interested in who has leaked it rather than what it actually says. There is a reason why she would be so concerned, because it is her own leaked business case that clearly sets out that in October she was meant to deliver the delivery authority that was to deliver this supposed No. 1 infrastructure project. It is clearly outlined that it is to occur in October. They need to be clear, open and accountable, like the Premier is always going on about. I am happy to table that time line.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'Executive Summary, Cross River Rail—Detailed Business' [[1811](#)].

This Deputy Premier cannot even stick to her own delivery authority that is meant to deliver Queensland's supposed No. 1 infrastructure project. The Deputy Premier, due to her inaction, cannot even deliver her own delivery authority.

An opposition member interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I take that interjection. She is absolutely too busy on West Village that she cannot even deliver her own delivery authority that is meant to be delivering Queensland's No. 1 infrastructure project.