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State Infrastructure Plan

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (11.50 am): Just days ago the Palaszczuk government's vision for infrastructure throughout Queensland was released. I, and I know my colleagues on this side of the House, welcomed the announcement of Queensland's first State Infrastructure Plan in more than three years. This plan will drive the economy in South-East Queensland and deliver the infrastructure the regions need to grow and generate jobs.

Also announced was the establishment of a new State Infrastructure Fund, with an initial investment of \$500 million, including \$300 million to fast-track critical transport upgrades across the state to boost capacity and reliability. Projects that are allocated funding in South-East Queensland and projects that will directly impact my community in Pine Rivers are the Pacific Motorway-Gateway Motorway merge upgrade for the southbound lanes which many of my constituents use on a daily basis; the Moreton Bay Rail Link, which will increase rail services through Pine Rivers to over 650 per week; the new generation rolling stock; and the Energex augmentation and asset replacement. This is the investment in infrastructure that my community has been crying out for. These are projects that only Labor in government delivers. The amount of \$20 million will be used to deliver business cases for other priority projects and \$180 million will be allocated to deliver regionally significant infrastructure projects identified by communities for communities.

The State Infrastructure Plan outlines a clear, four-year pipeline of projects to provide the private sector with the confidence to invest in people and resources by knowing what projects will be in the market when. There will also be confidence in our community as well. Gone are the days when the only infrastructure investment is the 'tower of power' at 1 William Street.

We know that providing the private sector with a transparent pipeline of work is vitally important, particularly after the LNP failed to deliver a single infrastructure plan during their three years in government. What the Palaszczuk government has delivered is an infrastructure blueprint that will meet the future demands of our population and deliver economic growth and jobs for Queenslanders year after year through better infrastructure planning and better decision-making.

The \$500 million State Infrastructure Fund builds on the Palaszczuk government's existing capital budget of \$35 billion over four years, which has supported more than 27,500 jobs across Queensland this year alone. Locally we are seeing jobs created and supported through the Moreton Bay Rail Link—a Labor project delivering 8,000 jobs in my community. As I have said in this place before, local jobs result in improvements to our way of life. Less time commuting to employment means more time with loved ones and a better life balance. Our local roads and public transport continue to groan under the demands being placed on them every day. Local jobs are the long-term solution. The shorter term solution is a better integrated transport network.

I am proud to be delivering the Queensland government funded \$168 million Lawnton to Petrie quad track North Pine River rail bridge, readying our community for the Moreton Bay Rail Link, which I am also proud to be delivering. I am proud to be delivering \$20 million to replace the ageing rail bridges which span the South Pine River and Tributary Creek will also include a realignment of the track which means that trains will now have the capability to increase speed from 60 kilometres an hour to 100 kilometres an hour over the two bridges. I am proud to be delivering a \$15 million upgrade to the Strathpine station, increasing capacity and delivering equity of access. These Labor initiatives will have significant positive effects on the people of my community.

The State Infrastructure Plan completely transformed how Queensland prioritises infrastructure. This was made very clear when we established Building Queensland to provide our government with independent, expert advice and ensure infrastructure projects government-wide are prioritised based on rigorous business cases including cost-benefit analyses and community benefits.

The \$500 million State Infrastructure Fund is funded in this year's budget without the need for new borrowings. Labor builds our communities up. Unlike those on the other side of the House, we do not tear our communities down. The State Infrastructure Plan is a roadmap as we take our communities forward to a better place than what we inherited from those opposite.

We have a vision. We have the leadership. We have the plan. We are working every day to make our communities better places to live, and it is a stark contrast to the LNP in government.