




Speech By
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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.58 pm): Our economy is one of the fastest growing in the country and it is undergoing a major transition from the resources and construction sector into the innovative industries of the future. This Labor budget is about growing innovation, attracting investment and building infrastructure. At the heart of any Labor budget is jobs. We have restored our essential front-line services, with 1,959 nurses, 651 doctors, 475 health practitioners, 940 extra teachers, 300 police officers, 54 paramedics and 44 firefighters and we remain committed to creating jobs now and jobs for the future.

We need to be a government that invests in future industry and future infrastructure. It is essential that the people of my community are able to get around in a timely manner and are able to spend more time with their loved ones. That is why the \$50 million down payment on Cross River Rail is so important for my community. Also, the Fairer Fares initiative will directly decrease the cost-of-living pressures of public transport.

The Gateway Motorway North is a major artery for many people in my community and around 83,000 vehicles use it each day. This budget delivers \$1.143 billion to provide six lanes between Nudgee and Bracken Ridge. Construction has already commenced, providing over 1,000 jobs, and is expected to be completed by late 2018. This budget also delivers the \$4.1 million that is needed for the construction of the new third track on the existing network between Lawnton to Petrie stations at a total cost of \$175.2 million.

This budget accelerates Advance Queensland with industry accelerators, regional innovation hubs and platform technology investment to lead industry and innovation into the future. Labor in government has a good story to tell with unemployment reduction and debt reduction. Since we were elected, we have seen 52,500 jobs created, which is an average of 3,500 jobs a month. Unemployment has lowered from 6.6 per cent in January 2015 to 6.2 per cent in March 2016 and we have seen a 2015 budget surplus and lower debt.

Labor is committed to seeing Queenslanders realise their dream of owning their first home. There is an increase in the Queensland First Home Owners Grant to \$20,000 for 12 months—between 1 July 2016 and 1 July 2017. For our local environment, an allocation of \$12.1 million for koala conservation will assist our koala population, which has decreased by 58 per cent over the past 20 years in Pine Rivers. Two new urban refuges are good news and I am lobbying the minister to have one of these in my community.

Housing and homelessness in my community will receive \$372,000 for the Homelessness Base initiative to deliver homelessness services. The Crisis Accommodation Program will receive \$29,000 for registered housing providers. For flood mitigation, \$161,560 is part of a \$230,800 commitment to be spent in 2016-17 for the Coulthards Creek drainage channel upgrade.

A couple of weeks ago I cut the ribbon on the ALF field at the South Pine Sports Complex in Brendale with Councillor Mike Charlton. This budget delivers the remaining \$400,000 that is required to complete the construction of AFL field and facilities. This is a project that has a \$1 million price tag. I look forward to the completion and the official opening of these facilities.

The Dayboro Trail Riders Club will receive \$50,000 from this budget to commence the construction of an amenities block to support horseriding at Dayboro, which is worth \$100,000. This amenities upgrade will benefit all community groups that utilise the Dayboro Showgrounds precinct.

An investment will also be made in my community for safe, secure and highly reliable, cost-effective electricity delivery to consumers. There is an allocation of \$1.7 million to upgrade the Lawnton substation to improve network performance. This upgrade is part of an upgrade project of \$3 million value.

I seek leave to have the remainder of my speech incorporated in *Hansard*.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! Leave is granted. It has been approved by me as Deputy Speaker.

Leave granted.

Our investment in the water in my community include 15 projects. These include \$7.85M which has been allocated in 2016-17 to continue the project to provide a new water supply to Petrie. The project is currently in the detailed design phase, and will shortly go to tendering for construction. This project will connect the Petrie Water Supply Zone to an alternative bulk water supply point by building a new pipeline. At that time, the existing Petrie Water Treatment Plant will be decommissioned. A partnership with Unitywater, this project will benefit the customers of the Petrie zone by providing a reliable and efficient long term bulk water supply.

\$2M has been allocated to complete the North Pine WTP Filter Refurbishment project. The project is currently in the delivery phase, with filter refurbishment works and the new air blower undergoing integrated commissioning. The filter refurbishments will improve the resilience of the treatment process including to a wider range of raw water quality conditions, improving the overall reliability of treated water supply into the region.

The North Pine WTP Pump Station Refurbishment program is a rolling program. The refurbishment of one pump is underway in 2015-16. There is \$345,000 planned in 2016-17 for the refurbishment of a second pump. These refurbishments will ensure a reliable distribution of Treated Water to the network.

The North Pine WTP Sludge Handling Upgrade will also begin construction in October 2016, with an allocation of \$3.6M for delivery 2016-17. This is a three year project, currently in the delivery phase, and the contract has been recently awarded. This project will increase the dewatering capability to process higher solids loads under adverse operating conditions. It will also support increased production from North Pine WTP in the future to meet growing demands.

The North Pine Dam spillway project has been deferred, due to re-evaluation of risks and priorities and necessary improvements in the Dam Improvement Program.

The North Pine Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Monitoring and Control Systems improvement project has \$332,000 of capital expenditure planned for 2016-17 from a total planned budget of \$2M. Work is currently in the delivery phase. These projects will renew ageing equipment and contribute to an integrated control system for Seqwater.

The North Pine WTP Chemical Dosing (pH Correction) project will be completed in 2016-17, with total expected costs of \$1.2M with \$100,000 capital expenditure in 2016-17. The project is currently in the delivery phase. The project will improve the water treatment plant's flood production capacity by enabling the plant to treat poorer raw quality.

Our Schools will see considerable maintenance spend with the Bray Park State High School receiving \$110,000 of \$250,000 to continue the refurbishment of the Home Economics Learning spaces. Bray Park State School will receive \$300,000 to refurbish D and E Block. Dayboro State School will get \$200,000 to refurbish D, G and H Block. Lawnton State School will receive \$300,000 to refurbish A and C Block. In addition Lawnton will receive \$100,000 of \$200,000 to complete refurbishment of Prep buildings. Pine Rivers State High School will receive \$50,000 of \$180,000 to complete the repurposing of Block 9 from current usage back to classroom, as well as \$100,000 of \$240,000 to complete the refurbishment of the Home Economics Kitchen. Strathpine West State School will receive \$250,000 for refurbishment of Block 16. Pine Rivers Special School will receive \$687,000 for additional classrooms.

In the arena of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services my community will see a significant investment. \$961,000 to ensure children in need of protection have a safe place to stay in Pine Rivers including funding for residential care services provided by Integrated Family and Youth Services in Strathpine.

Bravehearts Foundation Limited in Strathpine and Relationships Australia in Strathpine will receive \$190,000 to support families to safely care for their children.

\$1.619 million will be invested in Moreton Bay to establish new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services as part of the Palaszczuk's action plan to reduce overrepresentation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in the Queensland child protection system.

\$976,000 to assist community members under 65 or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person aged under 50, with a disability or condition that restricts their day-to-day living, to stay living at home in Pine Rivers, including funding for local service providers like Blue Care: Head Office in Strathpine and Queensland Meals on Wheels Services Association Incorporated in Brendale.

There is a significant expenditure in assisting those with a disability and their families to access the support and services they need in Pine Rivers, including funding for local service providers like:

- Ablecare Pty Ltd in Lawnton and Strathpine
- Beacon Support Pty Ltd in Strathpine
- Brain Injury Association of Queensland Inc. in Lawnton
- Carers Link Pty Ltd in Cashmere
- Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland in Bray Park, Brendale and Strathpine
- Community Access Respite Services Inc. in Bray Park
- Endeavour Foundation in Lawnton
- FSG Australia in Bray Park
- Funding to Individuals in Warner
- Hypar Pty Ltd ATF The Hypar Trust in Lawnton
- Inclusive Support Service Pty Ltd in Lawnton
- S.C.O.P.E. Inc. in Lawnton and Strathpine
- Southern Cross Care Services Pty Limited in Bray Park
- The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane in Bray Park, Lawnton and Strathpine
- The Spectrum Organisation Association Inc. in Lawnton
- TLB Assistance Pty Ltd in Bray Park
- UnitingCare Community in Bray Park and Lawnton

This is an investment of \$15.633 million. An essential investment for those in need in my community leading into the 1 July 2016 NDIS implementation commencement for more than 90,000 Queenslanders with a disability.

As the member for Kallangur will update the House \$1 million to complete the replacement Petrie fire and rescue station, following an initial \$1.9 million allocation in the 2015-16 Budget. This increased investment will greatly improve the emergency service capacity in my community.

Domestic and Family Violence will receive \$389,000 funding for counselling services and court based services provided by Caboolture Regional Domestic Violence Service in Lawnton. In addition Encircle Ltd will receive \$112,000 to provide community support at the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre.

Ours is a Government of job creation, a Government of fairness and a Government with people at the heart of it. These measures are positive measures for my electorate and I commend the bill to the House.