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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL; APPROPRIATION BILL; DUTIES AND
OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (10.51 am): I rise today to speak in support of the second budget from the Palaszczuk Labor government. I will start by congratulating the honourable Treasurer and cabinet on once again delivering a true Labor budget—a budget that delivers on jobs, that delivers on education and health services for Queenslanders and, importantly, that delivers for the people of Queensland while retaining our revenue-producing assets in government hands whilst reducing debt in a sensible and stable way. This budget delivers on what is always a priority for Labor governments—that is, jobs for Queenslanders.

The figures speak loudly. We have created over 52,000 jobs since January 2015. Our state's economy continues to be one of the fastest growing in the nation, even though we are transitioning from our resources boom. Why is that? It is because our government has invested strongly in innovation so we can provide future jobs for future generations. We have invested \$405 million in Advance Queensland and \$19.7 million in biofutures so we can help to grow a sustainable biofutures industry to help deliver these employment opportunities. There is nothing more important to us than keeping Queenslanders in decent jobs that are safe, secure and rewarding.

We are investing more than \$10.7 billion in our capital program which will focus on important transport projects, like the Gateway Motorway north upgrade between Nudgee and Bracken Ridge which will help residents in my area who use the Gateway to and from work. This budget will continue to focus, as promised, on the restoration of vital front-line services like health and education—the services that suffered so much at the hands of the LNP's cruel cuts. We will be funding 1,940 extra nurses, 651 extra doctors, 479 extra health professionals, 940 extra teachers and teacher aides, 300 extra police, 54 extra paramedics and 44 extra firefighting staff.

This budget provides a vital reform to public transport fares in South-East Queensland. The existing 23 zones will be reduced to eight zones. This works particularly well in my electorate, as now Burpengary station is in the same fare zone as every other station in the Kallangur electorate. This will allow commuters to use the lesser used Burpengary station and ease pressures on nearby Narangba station.

Mr Power: Good outcome.

Mr KING: Great outcome; I take that interjection. This change will also bring lower fares across all zones from 1 January 2017. An average commute one way from my electorate to the Brisbane CBD will drop from \$7.27 to \$5.96. It will bring free weekend travel for children on a go card and keep the 'One, Two, Free' program for seniors. My local schools will once again benefit from the new funding. In my electorate, my local schools will receive \$3.3 million to construct additional classrooms at Murrumba State Secondary College, which is well needed and great—

Ms Jones: Hear, hear!

Mr KING: Thank you very much. My local schools will also receive further funding to complete the refurbishment of manual arts facilities at Dakabin State High School, where they sadly had the death of their peacock the other day so hopefully the refurbishment of the manual arts block will make them feel a bit better; \$100,000 to refurbish classrooms in block 11 at Dakabin State High School; \$200,000 to refurbish block A and C at Kallangur State School, a great school as well; \$300,000 to refurbish the former library block for special education program delivery at Kurwongbah State School; further funding to complete the refurbishment of the library at Narangba State School; and \$250,000 for the refurbishment of block 16 at Petrie State School.

Ms Jones: Thanks for your lobbying.

Mr KING: It did work. I take that interjection. Other funding in Kallangur will include \$28 million to fund the state component of the new Boundary Road interchange on the Bruce Highway, a project that the LNP were only going to fund if they sold our assets; the continuation of safety barriers on the Bruce Highway, which will go a long way towards stopping some of the tragic incidents we have had in recent months with vehicles crossing onto oncoming lanes; the completion of the new Petrie Fire Station; over \$950,000 to ensure children in need of protection have a safe place to stay in Kallangur, including funding for residential care services provided by Mercy Community Services in Petrie; \$611,000 to support the needs of children in out-of-home care in Kallangur, including funding for counselling services provided by the Frederick Marsden Youth Centre in Kallangur; \$389,000 to respond to domestic and family violence in Kallangur, including funding for counselling services and court based services provided by the Caboolture Regional Domestic Violence Service in Lawnton; \$112,000 for Encircle to provide community support at the Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre; \$6.039 million to assist people with a disability and their families to access the support and services they need in Kallangur, including funding for local service providers like Backstop Respite Care in Petrie, the Cerebral Palsy League of Queensland in Kallangur, Endeavour Foundation in Kallangur and Petrie, Leeding Care Australia in Kallangur and Kurwongbah, Multicap Ltd in Kurwongbah and Petrie, SCOPE in Kallangur and Murrumba Downs, and UnitingCare Community in Petrie.

Mr Butcher interjected.

Mr KING: Kallangur did well. I am happy to see that my colleague to the north, Mark Ryan, has secured a necessary—

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Farmer): Order! I ask the member to please refer to other members by their official title.

Mr KING: My colleague to the north, the member for Morayfield, has secured a necessary disability upgrade to Morayfield station in this budget. Last year my colleague to the south, the member for Pine Rivers, received an upgrade to Strathpine station so I am awaiting with great interest the outcome of the scoping study into what options exist for the much needed and well-overdue full upgrade to Dakabin station in my electorate. We have heard about that many times in this place. As I have stated quite a number of times, Dakabin needs much more than just a disability upgrade. I have been advised by the minister that an interim options analysis is expected to be delivered at the end of June 2016 for the purposes of technical assessment by TMR, with the full options analysis to be delivered by October 2016. Once this analysis is complete, the minister and I will certainly be having discussions about the pathway to a complete upgrade. I commit to continue to lobby until our residents get this necessary upgrade to our station.

Less than two years ago, Queenslanders made a decision to vote for a Labor government that would deliver for the people of Queensland, providing funding for infrastructure, innovation, education and health as well as creating jobs now and into the future. This budget confirms they made the right choice. I commend the bill to the House.