




Speech By  
**Hon. Stirling Hinchliffe**

**MEMBER FOR SANDGATE**

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OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE** (Sandgate—ALP) (Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games) (5.56 pm): It is an honour to rise to speak in support of this Palaszczuk government budget and the associated appropriations. It is a further honour to do so as the Minister for Transport and the Commonwealth Games in addition to my role as the member for Sandgate.

This budget is a strong Labor budget with a strategic focus on innovation, investment and infrastructure for Queensland's future. It is a careful and considered economic plan that will advance Queensland's economy and help deliver jobs now and jobs for the future. This economic plan is focused on job creation, and this Labor government is more than happy to compare our record on job creation with that of the opposition and its leader, the failed former treasurer and member for Clayfield. This budget is also targeted at helping working families in other ways, including easing cost-of-living pressure.

As the minister responsible for public transport I am particularly proud of the Palaszczuk government's Fairer Fares package. Ninety-three per cent of South-East Queensland commuters will see savings, with less money going to public transport expenses and more cash going towards making ends meet in the family budget. These current commuters will experience savings of between four and 34.5 per cent. This signal will drive increased patronage. In my own electorate of Sandgate those using public transport for local trips, as well as commuters into the CBD, will see more money in their pocket. Locals catching the bus from Bracken Ridge to Sandgate will save up to 18.6 per cent on their fare. My constituents catching the 330 bus service from Woolies at Bracken Ridge into the CBD will save up to 34.5 per cent each way. That means Bracken Ridge residents who take the bus to and from work in the city will save up to \$889.92 a year. Similarly, the thousands of commuters who catch the train from Sandgate Railway Station will save up to 25.6 per cent. Commuters taking trains from Shorncliffe, Sandgate and Deagon stations using that measure will save up to \$578.88 each and every year.

As transport minister as well as the member for Sandgate, I am also proud to be delivering—alongside the Treasurer—\$634 million to introduce the European Train Control System, or ETCS. The ETCS will help prepare the South-East Queensland rail network for the city-changing Cross River Rail project. The network efficiencies and improvements to be delivered by ETCS mean that commuters taking the train from my electorate in Sandgate will enjoy more reliable rail services, and that will occur right across the whole of the South-East Queensland rail network.

Labor understands that for a quality, modern and efficient rail network to benefit commuters we need to invest in technological solutions and the infrastructure that will support future population growth in the south-east. With the business case for Cross River Rail to be finalised soon, commuters know that only Labor can be trusted to deliver city-changing infrastructure that Queensland needs. The

Palaszczuk Government Delivery Authority for Cross River Rail, which is funded in the Treasurer's budget, will ensure that politics is taken out of the project and that we can get on with delivering a top-quality project over a long period of time, delivering those city-changing elements.

The Palaszczuk government wants all stakeholders to be at the table in order to work towards a fair funding model for Queensland's No. 1 priority project. Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and the LNP need to come out and show their support for this project without delay. We want Cross River Rail built, because we on this side of the House recognise its long-term value and the benefits for the people of this city and for this state. With Fairer Fares, Cross River Rail and ETCS, Labor is delivering an affordable and quality public transport system for South-East Queensland.

I will work together with my cabinet colleague and departmental colleague the Minister for Main Roads, Minister Bailey, to deliver the projects that will come out of the Palaszczuk government's \$20 billion investment in roads, rail, marine, public transport and active transport infrastructure over the next four years under the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program. Not only will QTRIP see investment in economy-boosting projects right across the state; it will also support more than 15,900 direct jobs over the life of the program.

Work on the construction of the Gateway Upgrade North is making great progress. It is a vital piece of road infrastructure that will reduce congestion, improve travel time, improve reliability, accommodate future growth and improve motorists' safety. It will make a huge difference in addressing congestion issues on the north side of Brisbane and also provide significant benefits to the residents in the Sandgate electorate so that they do not have to get on to the Gateway Motorway in order to conduct business around their local community.

Having obtained approval of its contents from the Deputy Speaker, I seek leave to have the remainder of my speech incorporated in *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

Now Mr Speaker, I wish to comment more specifically on how my constituents will benefit from the second Palaszczuk Government budget.

Mr Speaker, I have watched with great excitement as the Gateway Upgrade North project has progressed.

This joint State-Federal partnership was fought for long and hard by our local Federal Member for Lilley, Wayne Swan when he was Treasurer of Australia, as well as former local Federal MP for Petrie, now Attorney-General and Member for Redcliffe in this place, Yvette D'Ath.

I am thrilled that the Treasurer has worked with the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports, the Member for Yeerongpilly, to set aside a further \$250 million this financial year to continue the works on this \$1.142 billion project, which will widen the Gateway Motorway to six lanes from Nudgee Road to the Deagon Deviation.

In our local schools, I have had the great pleasure of speaking to the Principals of Bracken Ridge State High School, Brighton State School and Taigum State School to inform them of important projects at their schools, thanks to the Palaszczuk Government's budget.

The Minister for Education, the Member for Ashgrove, has worked hard to deliver a record education budget this year.

This includes \$250,000 for the refurbishment of the Resource Centre at Bracken Ridge State High School, and \$100,000 for a new Collaborative Outdoor Learning Area between A and B Blocks at Brighton State School.

\$50,000 will also be contributed for the refurbishment of the Special Education Program Learning space in E block at Taigum State School.

I would like to particularly thank the Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, the Member for Waterford, and the Minister for Disability and Seniors, the Member for Mundingburra, for the \$5.622 million of funding for important community centres and groups in my electorate.

This funding will go towards supporting women and children fleeing from domestic and family violence, as well as youth services, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living with a disability or restrictive condition, amongst others.

The groups delivering these services include fantastic local groups, such as the Sandgate and Bracken Ridge Action Group, or Sandbag, the Jabiru Community Youth and Children's Services Association in Bracken Ridge, Kyabra Community Association and St John's Community Care in Taigum, just to name a few.

These Ministers have worked with the Treasurer to deliver \$6.652 million to assist people with a disability and their families to access support and services they need in my electorate of Sandgate, including funding for local service providers including:

- Ablecare in Brighton
- Montrose Therapy and Respite Services in Fitzgibbon
- Multicap Limited in Bracken Ridge and Taigum
- North Brisbane Personal Care in Taigum
- Qualtime in Taigum

- Sandbag, as previously mentioned, in Sandgate and Bracken Ridge, and
- Local church groups such as the Catholic Archdiocese and the Uniting Care Community

The record budget on health care outcomes for Queensland is very important to my electorate.

The Sandgate electorate has a significant number of older people living there, and access to quality health services is of utmost importance.

Making sure Northside hospitals are adequately funding is a passion that all Labor Members on the Northside care about.

Minister Dick's commitment to the Brighton Health Campus, or Eventide as it is better known, and the restoration of high quality aged care at that location is something of which I am very proud to work with him in ensuring.

Despite Federal Government cuts, the Metro North Hospital and Health Service administers great local hospitals and health services across the Northside, not all of which are in the Sandgate electorate, but on which those in my electorate rely.

Mr Speaker, this State budget is good news for Queenslanders, and excellent news for those doing it tough in my electorate of Sandgate.

This is a budget that helps strengthen the Queensland economy, as well as delivering key infrastructure priorities and important frontline services.

I wish to congratulate the Treasurer for this budget, and to commend the Bills to the House.