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APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL (NO. 2); APPROPRIATION BILL (NO. 2)

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (5.49 pm): I rise to address Appropriation Bill (No. 2) and Appropriation (Parliament) Bill (No. 2). These bills seek the parliament's approval for unseen expenditure authorised by the Treasurer in the 2016-17 financial year which amounts to almost \$2.3 billion. As is convention, we know that these bills will pass through the Queensland parliament today, but as these bills pertain to budgetary and state finance matters I wish to make a few comments with respect to state finances and my electorate of Moggill.

Labor has been in government in Queensland for 24 of the past 28 years and Labor has consistently failed to deliver infrastructure for the western suburbs of Brisbane, unlike the LNP which has planned, progressed and delivered despite always having to deal with record Labor debt, deficit and incompetence of previous Labor governments in their administration of the state's finances.

At the last state election in 2015 the then Labor candidate for Moggill, together with the Annastacia Palaszczuk Labor team, promised to deliver an integrated road and public transport infrastructure plan for the electorate of Moggill. Unsurprisingly, Labor has failed to do so. Over the last three years Labor has failed to act, and Labor's new candidate will once again embark on a campaign of hollow rhetoric with negative slogans as opposed to meaningful plans or infrastructure solutions for local residents. The current Labor education minister has ruled out an additional high school for the Moggill electorate and Labor has no clear plan for infrastructure investment at Kenmore State High School. I table a copy of an article from the *Westside News* in relation to this.

Tabled paper: Article, undated, titled 'No plan for new school: Moggill petition fails to persuade Minister' [[2035](#)].

These are issues which I will continue to fight for on behalf of my local residents and constituents in the electorate of Moggill. What the electorate of Moggill and Queensland needs is an LNP government focused on building a better Queensland and appropriately managing the state's finances. Both I and the LNP want Moggill residents and Queenslanders to get ahead. The LNP will create jobs by providing small business incentives to employ more young people through a \$4,000 job incentive program, help apprentices get ahead through our \$500 tools for tradies and offset the costs of hiring apprentices through a \$5,000 incentive for small businesses. The LNP will take action on the cost of living by freezing family car registration costs, saving a family up to \$200 a year. These are real and practical financial measures that the LNP will take to assist my constituents in Moggill.

The LNP understands that infrastructure plans are needed to ease traffic congestion and deliver thousands of new jobs. I certainly understand the importance of the provision of robust health services. The LNP has announced policies and plans which will put downward pressure on electricity prices and we will take a balanced approach to our environment and ensure good conservation outcomes. Under Labor over the last three years we have seen debt spiral. It is anticipated to reach \$81.1 billion by 2020-21. That will be \$16,000 worth of debt for every man, woman and child. Labor is loading debt on to our government owned corporations, raiding dividends and raiding the long service leave entitlements of public servants, and infrastructure spending has been slashed.

Under Labor over the last three years their economic management has been one of raids, rip-offs and writedowns. The only reason we are here today debating this legislation is because of the accountability mechanisms the LNP introduced when last in government. It is time to build a better Moggill and a better Queensland for you and your family.