



Speech By  
**Hon. Curtis Pitt**


**MEMBER FOR MULGRAVE**

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**NOTICE OF MOTION**

**Distribution of GST**

 **Hon. CW PITT** (Mulgrave—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (12.35 pm):  
I give notice that I shall move—

That this House—

1. supports the Productivity Commission's recommendation to retain the broad concept of horizontal fiscal equalisation used by the Commonwealth Grants Commission in allocating GST funds;
2. rejects a per capita distribution model favoured by the LNP in states like NSW and Pauline Hanson's One Nation, which would see Queensland lose \$2.4 billion in GST revenue;
3. rejects any proposal that unfairly disadvantages Queensland, including the Productivity Commission's 'reasonable' test being based on the average state, where Queensland would be \$1.59 billion worse off in 2017-18; and
4. notes that, notwithstanding this review of the GST, there remains great uncertainty for the Queensland budget as the Turnbull government still holds the ability to impact on service delivery in Queensland through withholding non-GST funding.