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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Cross River Rail

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.20 am): What have we seen there? We have a Deputy Premier of this state and all she cares about is politics, not jobs. It is obvious that this Deputy Premier has an unhealthy obsession with the Leader of the Opposition—an absolute unhealthy obsession.

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, members. I know we are very jovial this morning.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: This from the Deputy Premier who does not even know what her job is. We had the Deputy Premier in her ministerial statement say that my—

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, members. We will move on.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: The Deputy Premier thought Bouli was Biloela the other day. After I interjected and said, 'Where is the funding?' the Deputy Premier called it a pathetic joke. This from the Deputy Premier who is in fairy land around Cross River Rail. She is naming Cross River Rail as her supposed No. 1 project but she has no funding. The Premier when she was the transport minister was obviously remarkably ill-informed or stretching the truth when back in 2013 she said that Cross River Rail was shovel ready. She obviously does not have a plan to fund it. She has not called for tenders and has no state environmental approvals.

Let's get the facts out there in relation to this ill-fated project. We have seen—and I can table—the Deputy Premier's own secret business case in relation to this.

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What does this secret business case say in relation to the Deputy Premier's own time line? By now expressions of interest should have been released for construction. We have seen no procurement strategy and no value-sharing strategy, except for the Deputy Premier saying she is going to slug Queenslanders with five secret new taxes. We have had no funding strategy for it and there has been no market sounding for this project at all.

After two years of being in government, this do-nothing Labor government is not able to deliver on its No. 1 project. This is an ill-fated project that has completely been derailed by this Deputy Premier, who is too busy playing politics and misleading the people of Queensland. They have no plan to fund it. They have no funding. This is another iteration of another rail fail.