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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Infrastructure Funding

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.23 am): Today we see yet another report that illustrates the impacts of this Labor government's savage cuts to infrastructure. This is a government which in its first budget slashed \$2 billion from the state infrastructure program. This is a government which has cut almost \$3 billion from the forward program of capital purchases. Labor has starved regional communities of vital projects and cannot even get its pipeline dream—Cross River Rail—off the ground. This is a government which over the past two years has whinged, blamed others, picked fights and delivered absolutely nothing except dodgy laws designed to benefit its union paymasters. The 2017 Major Projects Pipeline Report, released today, sums up this Labor government perfectly. It states—

Despite promises and plans however, many major projects remain unfunded and the consequent outlook for major project work remains highly uncertain and volatile.

The report continues—

Overall, existing policies and funding settings have failed to deliver sustainable, long run growth in Queensland infrastructure investment to meet demand. Worse, current funding levels projected by the Queensland Budget and State Infrastructure Strategy will not even cover the public sector's pipeline projections outlined in the report.

The report shows that major projects work fell off a cliff under Labor's first year in office. That is the vote of confidence in this Labor government and its do-nothing, see-nothing, know-nothing head of state. Glossy brochures and heartfelt reassurances for the cameras do not get things built. They do not get the economy moving and they certainly do not deliver jobs for regional Queensland or anywhere in Queensland.

Queensland is screaming out for infrastructure of the future, whether it is in Cairns, Townsville, Mackay or Rockhampton—all regions that have been completely neglected by those opposite. No doubt mid-June will come and all the pork-barrelling will start, but Queenslanders are not that stupid. They will see it for what it is.

Labor still has not worked out that it is major infrastructure projects that create jobs, stimulate local economies and provide a flow-on effect for small, medium and large businesses. This Labor government could not even build a Lego set, let alone the infrastructure Queensland needs.