



Speech By  
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**Cross River Rail**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (10.42 am): That comes from someone who could only be described as one of the most incompetent infrastructure ministers this state has ever had. That comes from an infrastructure minister who has slashed \$3 billion out of the state infrastructure spend in the last two budgets.

In the last budget under the Palaszczuk government—supposedly an infrastructure budget—what did this infrastructure minister deliver or do for Queenslanders? She did big fat zero; nothing. While we talk about what the federal government has done up here, it was those opposite who were all too quick to get a selfie with the Prime Minister at the announcement with regard to Gold Coast Light Rail Stage 2. We saw the Premier getting a selfie with the Prime Minister.

We also have the Gateway merge project. Those opposite completely forget that it was only thanks to this side of the House—the LNP—and the federal government that we saw the delivery of the vital infrastructure money for the Toowoomba second range crossing. What about the Bruce Highway upgrade and the Yeppen flood plain outside of Rockhampton? That was a vital piece of infrastructure that helped through the floods after ex-Cyclone Debbie.

We have an infrastructure minister who is so deluded that her only plan for her supposed No. 1 infrastructure project is to go cap in hand to the federal government. There is absolutely no plan on the other side of the House. We have always known that the secret business case has the Labor Party saying that they are going to slug property owners—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! Pause the clock!

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** We have also heard the rumours coming out of the Premier's office that now they actually want to spend some of the \$800 million the Deputy Premier squirreled away, supposedly for Cross River Rail, on regional infrastructure. What a surprise that would be. After two years this incompetent infrastructure minister does not even have the state approvals to build her pet project. She does not even have the Coordinator-General's sign-off on that project. How embarrassing for a minister sitting over there to go cap in hand to the federal government. This is a minister who does not have her own ducks in a row. The Deputy Premier is worse than the member for Inala when she said that this project was shovel ready.

(Time expired)