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 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (3.45 pm): Yesterday was a day for all Queenslanders to say, 'Not happy, Jackie.' It was a budget that has slashed infrastructure—

Honourable members interjected.

Mrs FRECKLINGTON: I even got a smile out of the Speaker. Not happy, Jackie. It is a budget that has slashed infrastructure, it is a budget that has failed to deliver \$1.7 billion in promises from last year's budget, so do not believe the Deputy Premier's spin. Labor has cut infrastructure spending across this great state. Over the next four years spending on infrastructure will be \$500,000 less than what the LNP was set to deliver. The Deputy Premier has cut infrastructure in the regions to fund inner city Brisbane, especially in her own seat.

After we saw the member for Rockhampton stand up in this House yesterday, one would assume that, after parroting on about Rookwood Weir, he would deliver the Rookwood Weir for the people of Central Queensland, but there is no funding for Rookwood Weir. There is no funding for the south Rockhampton levee. Instead, the member for Rockhampton is playing politics with the federal government. He should try to have a little bit of influence around the cabinet table. The Premier called the levee a 'no-brainer' on her visit to Rockhampton. This is further evidence that this inner-city Premier will say one thing when out in the bush but another when in Brisbane.

Given that the government's previous budget failed to meet the LNP's record on infrastructure spending, this budget is an even sadder situation compared to last year's budget. Toowoomba will receive \$200 million less in infrastructure spending, outback Queensland will receive \$162 million less, the Fitzroy region will receive \$35 million less, the Gold Coast will receive \$164 million less, Sunshine Coast will receive \$500 million less, and the Darling Downs and Maranoa will receive \$76 million less.

This is a government that simply does not know how to deliver, especially on infrastructure. It is a do-nothing government. Only the LNP can deliver on infrastructure for regional Queensland.