




Speech By  
**Shane King**

**MEMBER FOR KALLANGUR**

---

Record of Proceedings, 16 June 2017

**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL; APPROPRIATION BILL; REVENUE  
LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr KING** (Kallangur—ALP) (11.48 am): It is my great privilege to speak on the Appropriation Bill introduced by the Hon. Curtis Pitt. This is my third year in a row of responding to a good Labor government budget delivered by Treasurer Pitt and, once again, I feel an incredible pride in the depth and breadth of his budget's outcomes and in what a great difference this will make to all Queenslanders—none more so than my constituents of the Kallangur electorate. This budget makes a difference where it matters. In the words of the Treasurer, if I can paraphrase him, it is a 'better way', where 'confidence has made a comeback' and a surplus and great future has been achieved through a 'disciplined approach' to fiscal management, service delivery and investment—or, as I may say it, it is a budget that delivers jobs for my community through infrastructure projects and real employer incentives that we need.

This budget puts the front-line services of health, education, police and emergency services along with a strong Public Service front and centre delivering for our community. It delivers a budget surplus, with overall debt reduction and economic growth that is amongst the highest in the nation. It does this at the same time as it delivered effective and vital relief to those affected by natural disasters like Cyclone Debbie. That means business wants to invest in our community and our people recover from tough times quickly.

This budget keeps the cost of living down for us all and focuses on areas of concern like electricity prices and home affordability. It does this all by strong fiscal management that is future focused and, most importantly, it does not require the sale of our income-generating public assets. The surplus delivered by the Treasurer of \$2.8 billion accompanied by growth of 2.4 per cent despite the effect of Cyclone Debbie is stunning. This has allowed the Palaszczuk government to focus on jobs, reducing debt and tackling electricity prices as key priorities.

This budget has shown that there can be a strong emphasis on front-line jobs, with 90 per cent of those new jobs being in health, education and police, and we can deliver a strong economic position to the state's bottom line. This budget is a stunning vindication of the decision by the Palaszczuk government to protect the assets of our state and our people to ensure that profits benefit our children's future and us, not sent off to some private for-profit company to bolster their bottom lines and coffers while Queenslanders pay more and more for vital services like power. We do not have to sell the family silver. In fact, it pays well to keep it. Our ability to fund Cross River Rail is a huge boon for our community in South-East Queensland and is critically needed for all of us in the south-east corner. Labor is the party that understands building for our future and not selling to our mates is what delivers results such as those we see in this budget.

I am intending to incorporate my speech as I have much to talk about but I will talk for a few minutes first to identify the key outcomes for my electorate, as I and my community are very excited by so many of them. The Anzac Avenue and Dayboro Road intersection, or, as it is known locally, the

'Petrie roundabout', has been front and centre of my priorities since I was elected. The road is already the cause of much traffic delay and frustration in my community, and with the Petrie University underway this infrastructure is one of the most pressing projects we have.

Previous members like Mary-Anne O'Neill fought hard to fix and started work on the AJ Wyllie Bridge when it was damaged in 2011. My predecessor saw the opening of this bridge adjacent to the roundabout. However, I, like many other residents, knew that the bottleneck he complained about was in fact at the roundabout. I know this from having lived in this area and having been caught in this bottleneck for many, many years. The funding of approximately \$7½ million over the next three years through QTRIP to undertake stage 1, the planning and design of the upgrade required, is the vital start that is needed. This work will inform us of the final project funding costs. I am pleased to have listened to and delivered the start of a project that has been desperately required for so many years. By the look of my Facebook page comments and shares the announcement has had, I am not alone in my delight at this outcome.

There is \$10 million in 2017-18 to continue the upgrade of the Bruce Highway at the Boundary Road interchange. The total cost of the upgrade will be \$100.4 million. We have delivered our share of this project without asset sales, unlike those opposite who when in government proposed they would only move on this project if they sold our assets and were re-elected. This project includes a minimum six-lane bridge over the Bruce Highway which will help improve road safety through increasing capacity at the interchange, reducing queuing and improving travel time.

Over the next three years there is also money for the planning, design and early works on New Settlement Road at the Deception Bay highway overpass. This overpass has been in dire need of an upgrade and quickly becomes a choke point during peak times. This project was scrapped from QTRIP by the Nicholls-Newman government. If it had not been, it is likely that this project would be shovel-ready by now and we would be seeing more of the jobs that our region needs. Local residents who use the interchange do not need to be told that it needs an upgrade. Our strong Moreton Bay region Labor MP team has listened to the concerns being raised by people who live in all of our communities. I am very pleased that we are able to deliver for them and I am pleased that this project is back on track. I seek leave to have the remainder of my speech incorporated in *Hansard*. I have sought and received approval from the Deputy Speaker and an electronic copy has been sent to Hansard.

Leave granted.

Mr Speaker, Kallangur has not missed out and I list below the funding we have received to support our community.

- \$2 million in 2017-18 will be funded to continue the dam safety upgrade at Sideling Creek Dam, worth \$18M. This is an important part of the work on our dam and waterways system in Kallangur.
- We will see \$350,000 to Refurbish Science Labs and Prep Room through the School Infrastructure Enhancement Program at Dakabin State High School. This continues our focus on STEM schooling so our students are future prepared for the jobs of the future. Dakabin is a great school and along with Minister Miles I know what a difference this money will make.
- We will spend \$240,000 of \$300,000 to refurbish Block I Special Ed through the School Infrastructure Enhancement Program at Kurwongbah State School, again a great State school who will benefit by this budget.
- Along with Minister Ryan, I welcome the funding of nearly \$3M for Narangba Valley State Schools additional classrooms. This is much-needed infrastructure for the future as this region that we share. A recent Kallangur Community report Minister Fentiman and I worked on with her department shows this area has growth of over 3.4% and over 64% of the current and projected population is families with children. Funding for a raft of infrastructure for the areas of Narangba and Burpengary are square in my sights in the future given these growth projections.
- As well with Minister Ryan we welcome \$183,333 as part of a \$333,333 commitment for the construction of a multi-purpose hall at Burpengary State School.
- With the Member for Pine Rivers, Nikki Boyd, I welcome funds for a school that my constituents children also attend, Lawnton SS receiving \$155,455 of \$605,455 to refurbish Blocks A and C.
- Whilst my electorate has no Health facilities within its boundaries, clearly my community considers these vital to be funded, with a record Health budget of \$16.6 billion, up \$3B since last budget. Funds for infrastructure at Caboolture hospital and the Prince Charles Hospital Mental Adolescent health Centre replacing the Barrett Centre the key initiatives in addition to the many frontline Doctors, Nurses, Allied health, Qld Ambulance Service and operational staff that we have restored to provide this world class care we all receive.

Mr Speaker, we all need our clean water and waste services to be meeting the needs of our growing community.

I have to say as an electrician in my past life I know these essential services are sometimes overlooked in the 'Glamour' stakes of Budget items but I know, as does my community how important they are. Many of these vital electricity supply, water and waste services are funded in this budget.

- \$3.9 million in 2017-18 to complete the upgrade of the Petrie Water Supply Zone in conjunction with UnityWater, worth \$9.96M.
- \$1.3 million in 2017-18 out of a \$4,261,000 total spend to carry out network construction works at Lawnton substation to improve network performance.
- \$6 million in 2017-18 to continue the sludge upgrade at the North Pine Water Treatment Plant, worth \$10.165M.

There are many more items in this budget that are going to make difference to so many people in my community and our broader region such as:

- \$1.7 million in 2017-18 to assist persons under 65 or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person aged under 50, with a disability. As clients transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme the Queensland government's direct funding commitment to Service Providers and recipients will reduce. Funding in this region is expected to significantly reduce during 2018-19 in line with the transition plan.
- \$7.4 million to assist people with a disability and their families to access the support and services they need as they move through the different stages of their life.
- \$981,662 as part of a \$3,926,648 commitment over four years to provide out-of-home care placement services to ensure children and young people in need of protection are supported and safe.
- \$627,153 as part of a \$2,508,614 commitment over four years to provide child protection support services that help support children and families meet case plan goals.
- \$7,837 as part of a \$31,347 commitment over four years to provide support to vulnerable individuals and assist them to get their lives back on track.
- \$399,390 as part of a \$1,597,559 commitment over four years to provide domestic and family violence services to improve the safety and wellbeing of victims and their children, particularly those in high risk situations.
- \$627,301 as part of a \$2.5 million commitment over four years to provide family support services to work with vulnerable families to help improve parenting skills and give parents the support they need to prevent problems from escalating to crisis point.
- \$115,376 as part of a \$461,502 commitment over four years to provide programs to increase the ability for individuals and community groups to participate positively in their community.
- \$442,000 to provide Home Assist Secure services.
- \$542,000 funding for non-government organisations to deliver specialist homelessness services aimed at both reducing the number of homeless people and the number of people becoming homeless in Queensland by assisting people to: obtain housing, maintain their housing and maximising their capacity to be independent, self-reliant and connected to appropriate social and community supports.
- \$4.58 million to commence construction of 20 units of accommodation for public rental housing.
- \$721,000 to complete construction of 12 units of accommodation for public rental housing.

Mr Speaker, sporting and Community groups have not missed out either with:

- \$37,728 as part of a \$75,456 commitment to construct a sand arena with drainage and fencing to support equestrian activities at Narangba.
- \$50,000 as part of a \$100,000 upgrade of on-field lighting to support football at Narangba.
- \$50,000 as part of a \$100,000 commitment to upgrade clubhouse including modifications to change rooms and toilets and to extend the existing building to include canteen and undercover areas to support Australian football, netball and cricket at Burpengary at the home of the Mighty Narangba Crows.
- \$50,000 as part of a \$100,000 commitment to construct an indoor high ropes course and an outdoor obstacle course to support outdoor recreation at Camp Bundalong at Joyner.

As you can see Mr Speaker, Education, Health, Police, Jobs programs, Energy and Water, Roads and Transport Communities, Housing, National Parks, Sports and Recreation are all in the budget for our community.

I would recommend that people read the Treasurers terrific speech for the total overview of the programs that this budget will provide. I don't do it the justice it deserves in this short speech but so many of the initiatives make huge difference to my constituents.

I commend the Treasurer, the Premier and all the Cabinet and their hard working Departments for this budget that delivers so well for my community and for Queensland.

I thank the Ministers and their staff for listening to my constant and tenacious lobbying for my community. You didn't give me everything I asked for but I know that together we are working on making it happen for Kallangur because that is what good Labor people do, we make it happen, we have in the words of the honourable Treasurer—a "Better Way!"

I commend the Bill to the House.