



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**

**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.44 am): Last month Queensland welcomed its five millionth resident. Baby Elizabeth, who was born at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital and who is only a few weeks old, is already talking to us about our great state of Queensland. Baby Elizabeth was born four years premature—earlier projections had indicated our population would not reach the five million milestone until 2022. While she is one of 60,000 births expected in Queensland this year, Elizabeth's parents are among the 100,000 people who migrate here from interstate, the majority from New South Wales.

People are coming to Queensland because of the jobs and opportunities that the Palaszczuk government is providing right across the economy. There were 22 million domestic overnight visitors in the 12 months to September last year. That is a 9.7 per cent increase. Resource exports totalled \$56 billion in the 12 months to November last year. There was a 58 per cent increase in major projects activity in 2017-18. There has been solid agricultural growth and 152,400 more jobs since January 2015. Thanks to our renewable energy target, there will be 23 large-scale projects supporting 3,600 jobs through private investment, including most recently the Clarke Creek wind farm north-west of Rockhampton—a \$1 billion project that the government provided development approval for last week.

All of that means we have to plan for the future and that is why I am proud that the budget will make a \$45 billion commitment to infrastructure. That is up \$2 billion on last year's budget and five times what the Commonwealth infrastructure investment is for Queensland. That includes an \$897 million investment on the M1 for upgrades between Varsity Lakes and Tugun and between Eight Mile Plains and Daisy Hill, a stretch of road for which there was no new investment during the term of the Newman government. Early works are underway on the \$5.4 billion Cross River Rail project. That project will transform the way we move around South East Queensland. We are delivering for the Sunshine Coast with \$160.8 million in funding for the Beerburrum to Nambour upgrade.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr DICK:** Those opposite are already whinging! We are 20 minutes into ministerial statements and those opposite are whinging—they whinge, we work!

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mr DICK:** I have some more good news.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order, Minister. I am calling the House to order. I know it has been a few weeks, members, and you may be out of practice. I intend to remind you today of the standing orders.

**Mr DICK:** In some more good news for Queensland, as the member for Woodridge, I am proud that we are funding essential upgrades to the Logan Hospital, as well as the Caboolture and Ipswich hospitals, to cope with forecast growth. The capital program is already funding hospital redevelopments in the Health portfolio at Atherton, Julia Creek, Roma and a \$62 million upgrade to the Kingaroy Hospital—thank me later, member for Nanango.

On this side of the chamber we know the decisions that we make today are going to influence baby Elizabeth's future. That is why we are improving our rail network and building better roads, schools and hospitals so that baby Elizabeth continues to live in a state that is the envy of the nation and the world.