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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (10.02 am): It is my pleasure to update the House on the Palaszczuk government's plan for better infrastructure for Queensland. Our \$45.8 billion infrastructure investment over the next four years is the biggest infrastructure spend in our state since the response to the 2011 floods. Queenslanders can also have confidence that our infrastructure investment is carefully targeted. That is why on 23 July I was delighted to release the State Infrastructure Plan Part B annual update and Building Queensland's *Infrastructure pipeline report*.

The plan and the pipeline report show how we are managing a record investment in better schools, hospitals, roads and rail. The annual update of the State Infrastructure Plan outlines our government's \$11.6 billion infrastructure investment in 2018-19 which will support up to 38,000 jobs across the state—programs like the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program, which outlines \$21.7 billion in transport and road infrastructure over the next four years, estimated to support an average of 19,200 direct jobs over its life. We are also unlocking capacity constraints in the transport network by investing in Cross River Rail, the biggest state funded infrastructure commitment in more than a decade.

The Palaszczuk government is delivering the Building Better Hospitals program, which will inject \$679 million into Queensland hospitals and includes upgrades at Logan, Caboolture and Ipswich hospitals along with regional hospitals in Atherton, Blackall and Cairns. Seven new proposals have also been added to Building Queensland's *Infrastructure pipeline report*, including projects like Brisbane Live and Bundaberg Hospital.

Since the 2017 State Infrastructure Plan our government has delivered 405 construction projects which are complete or underway; \$5.4 billion committed to fully fund Cross River Rail; 1,350 local government projects created in regional areas through Works for Queensland; four new schools opened; 576 new social housing dwellings built; over 40 hospitals and health infrastructure projects completed; and 18 venues ready on time for the best Commonwealth Games ever.

With 65 per cent of our infrastructure budget allocated outside of the greater Brisbane metropolitan area, the Palaszczuk Labor government is investing in improving livability for communities regardless of location, ensuring access to high-quality health, education, transport and social services for all Queenslanders, no matter where they live.