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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (5.33 pm): This budget is proof that we in Labor have a clear economic plan to drive growth and, most importantly, to create jobs. We want to create secure jobs that come with fair pay and safe working conditions to provide families with the confidence they need to spend and invest. That is the foundation of a strong economy. An amount of \$11.6 billion is allocated to our Capital Works Program in the coming financial year. It alone will support 38,000 jobs. For example, \$900 million from our infrastructure plan is being spent on building and adding to our hospitals.

Queenslanders are living longer and healthier lives. That is why we are hiring 3,500 nurses and midwives over four years not to mention the other doctors and health professionals in the system. Since 2015 we have employed over 4,800 nurses, over 1,400 health professionals, over 1,600 doctors and over 350 ambulance officers. In this budget the Prince Charles Hospital and local health services will be receiving a six per cent increase. That is \$2.8 billion for Metro North. This budget also delivers a safer community with money to provide for the local delivery of childhood immunisations across our community clinics. This record Health budget will mean our health professionals will have the best facilities to deliver world-class health care.

We are delivering a great start for our children, but we are also delivering in training and skills as well. Locally in my region, Skilling Queenslanders for Work has employed over 2,600 people, and some fantastic community organisations are rolling through that project day by day. I congratulate them on their fantastic work. Back to Work has employed over 670 people in our region and this budget will give additional money to these programs as well as the apprentice payroll rebate. Since March 2015 we have hired an additional 3,634 more teachers and 1,135 teacher aides. It is all for our children that we are building the economy of the future.

Before 2015 renewable energy was a futuristic suggestion, but we are building the biggest solar energy plants in the world. Our state schools are among the government's largest energy users, with an annual energy bill of more than \$50 million. Unlike the LNP, we in Labor are determined to reduce costs and make our schools more sustainable through the Advancing Clean Energy Schools. Dayboro State School, Bray Park State High School, Bray Park State School, Mount Samson State School, Pine Rivers State High School, Pine Rivers Special School, Samford State School, Strathpine State School and Strathpine West State School are our local schools sharing in the \$97 million funding over three years to install solar power and energy efficient measures. That is a win for our schools, local suppliers, businesses and tradies.

Queenslanders want their children to be educated in good schools and provided with the foundations to reach their full potential. Our schools will continue to see essential maintenance and minor work funding throughout the year. Of particular note is the Mount Nebo State School, which will have an outdoor learning space constructed and two modular buildings removed, and Mount Samson State School, which will have blocks B and C refurbished. I would like to thank the Minister for Education, who is in the chamber today, for that investment in our local schools.

We are keeping safe all people in our communities throughout Queensland by increasing the number of police and emergency workers, giving them the best equipment and every support to combat the scourges of drugs and domestic violence. Locally in the communities of Pine Rivers and Bancroft we will benefit from a new support service program for young people experiencing domestic violence in addition to the current communities and legal programs and services funded and provided locally by our amazing public servants. We are also upgrading and expanding the audiovisual capacity at the Pine Rivers Magistrates Court.

People in my community do not want to waste time on congested roads. Our congestion-busting projects in Pine Rivers and surrounding areas are considerable: from the works right down South Pine Road, Everton Park, to the Ferny Grove train station precinct transit oriented development funding, the on ramp extension overpass works for Linkfield Road, a design study for the Strathpine Road overpass in Bald Hills and the Petrie roundabout upgrade. We will see an additional 250 park-and-ride spaces at Lawnton train station. Works on Dayboro Road for safety upgrades for Farm Animal Rescue and the tip—an election promise—have already been delivered and are funded in this budget. Our Strathpine train station upgrade will finally make it accessible for all.

An amount of \$1.143 billion will be allocated to the Gateway Motorway north upgrade and \$5.4 billion will be allocated for Cross River Rail to provide more trains and get more cars off our roads. Works will be completed this budget to remove the Dixon Street and Gympie Road roundabout and two signalised pedestrian crossings either side of it and replace them with a single signalised intersection. An amount of \$2.5 million is allocated to commence a high-risk road route study for Mount Glorious Road and Samford-Mount Glorious Road with the total safety works project being in the tune of \$11.3 million.

Our transport services and roads will receive considerable upgrades through this budget, as they have under each and every Palaszczuk Labor government. In 2015 we promised that we would be a government that would work with people and not fight them. In 2017 we promised we would just get on with it, and for my community this budget does just that. I would like to thank my comrades, my team in Moreton Bay whom I work alongside—many of whom are in the chamber today—particularly the member for Aspley and the member for Murrumba, new additions who have come in locally. It is great to have them as part of the team. I also commend the Treasurer and the Premier for another outstanding Labor budget.