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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (2.15 pm): I am happy to speak to the Appropriation Bill, introduced by the Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Hon. Jackie Trad. This is my fourth year of being able to respond to a good Labor government budget and my first time as the member for Kurwongbah. The Treasurer said that this year's budget is about delivering, and that is what it does in spades. I feel a great amount of pride in the great outcomes that this budget will bring for all Queenslanders, none more so than my constituents in the Kurwongbah electorate.

As our population continues to grow at one of the fastest rates in the country, we need to keep pace with the jobs and infrastructure that our new Queenslanders will require. The 2018-19 budget delivers a capital program of over \$45 billion over the next four years including major projects all over Queensland. It 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 is a budget that delivers jobs for my community through the infrastructure projects and real employer incentives that we need. It delivers a budget surplus of over \$1.5 billion, which is more than three times the Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review forecast. It forecasts operating surpluses over the forward estimates, starting nicely with \$148 million in 2018-19.

This budget invests heavily in infrastructure—over \$45 billion in spending over the next four years. It will continue to drive the jobs that are the major focus of this outstanding budget. All of this comes without the toxic asset sales agenda that the Newman government proposed and the current leadership still craves.

This budget is again a stunning vindication of the decision by the Palaszczuk government to protect the assets of our state and our people by ensuring that our state profits benefit our children's future—and we Queenslanders are the shareholders, not some private, for-profit company that only wants to bolster its bottom line and its shareholders whilst Queenslanders would have paid more and more for vital services like power. I repeat what I have said before in this place: you do not have the sell the family silver, and in fact it pays well to keep it. This budget highlights that well.

This budget delivers on the important needs of health in our community. Another record Queensland Health budget is delivered, with an increase of over four per cent in the total budget for the state and six per cent for our region. Important for me as the member for Kurwongbah is a focus on local hospital and health services. A highlight is Caboolture Hospital's emergency department upgrade, to be delivered by June 2019. Another highlight is the multimillion dollar investment in the expansion of Caboolture Hospital to meet our community's growing needs. Redcliffe Hospital will get funding for upgrades to its children's health facilities, birth suites and car park. That is just some of the Health funding in this budget. Prince Charles Hospital will see the adolescent extended treatment health centre commence, with funding allocated to the project.

The hospital and health services and their staff do amazing work. I know from many conversations with local people how proud they are of our health workers. We need to—and will—give them the infrastructure and staff they need to do their jobs well. I note the recent sad calls of LNP members and candidates, trying to make a silk purse out of a pig's ear—no disrespect to the pigs—by trying to create a fiction about their Health funding achievements. People are not fooled in Kurwongbah or Longman. They know that in health it is Labor that protects both the community needing health care and the workforce that delivers it from the 'cut, sack, sell' ideology we saw when those opposite were last in office.

To think that anyone has forgotten this is foolish and with the current LNP federal government, which thinks we need less money in health, not more, we can use this state Labor Treasurer and health minister's health commitments to show once again that it is only Labor MPs at state and federal levels who deliver for our demanding health needs.

The electorate of Kurwongbah has done well in this budget and I am proud to have stood up for what our community needs. There have been great outcomes for my electorate and I am excited by so many of them. I am pleased to highlight just a few of them. I announced at the last budget that the initial design money would be allocated to start the long overdue upgrade to the intersection we all know locally as the Petrie roundabout. Let me deliver on my commitment to my constituents by highlighting that this budget allocates the balance of the \$30 million to finish the upgrade of this roundabout.

The growth of the northern corridor of my electorate in the past few years in the suburbs of Petrie, Whiteside, Narangba and Burpengary and further north in particular has seen this road infrastructure become a source of frustration to those many people travelling to and from their homes, work and schools. There has been in my opinion frankly no more important road project required in my electorate. The exciting Petrie university campus only further exacerbated the upgrade requirement, but it is not a cheap road project. Amongst so many in the state that was a demand of the Treasurer to find a way to fund, find a way she has and I am pleased my consistent voice over the past four years has made this difference. I do not give up—never have, never will.

Our community will have to endure the roadworks associated with the build and I commit to working hard to make this process as painless as I can. However, I know my community understands the importance of this budget win for us. It is somewhat a surprise that this announcement has met with sneering and jeering from the local LNP echo chamber, unable and unwilling to do what it takes to get this project to the top of its government's agenda despite the need then and now. All it does now is sit on the sidelines and throw wet lettuce leaves, whingeing about the project.

We have and will ensure that this project is delivered for Kurwongbah and the region and the Minister for Main Roads, Hon. Mark Bailey, agrees with me that we need to compress the time frames to work in as best as we can with the university project opening. My community knows that I will pursue this with as much vigour as I have this funding to undertake the building of the upgrade. The response on social media and after speaking to so many constituents shows that this delivers a big tick from our community and that I am not alone in my delight for this outcome.

Last term we delivered the Boundary Road-Bruce Highway interchange and this term we will continue the planning, design and early works on the next interchange to the north—the New Settlement Road-Deception Bay Road highway overpass with \$4.4 million in 2018-19 from a total project cost of \$150 million. This overpass continues to be a choke point during peak times. This project had been scrapped from QTRIP by the previous LNP government. If it had not been, it is likely that it would be shovel ready by now and we would be seeing more of the jobs our region needs.

At the last budget I was very pleased to announce that our community had finally been successful in our campaign for an upgrade to the Dakabin Railway Station. Since the state redistribution and election, I now share this station with my friend and colleague Dr Steven Miles, the member for Murrumba, and we are working together to see that this project gets completed properly and is what we need for the future. Community feedback has been strong and we were proud to announce \$1.9 million in 2018-19 from a total spend of \$39 million to continue design work of Dakabin station upgrades, which include a car park and bus facilities. There will be no more band-aids but a full upgrade of Dakabin station, as promised by our government. Again, I want to thank the partners we have in this project—Gemma Gale and the Dakabin Station Action Group, Moreton Bay Regional Council and many local residents and commuters—for their hard work in making this station a priority build.

But wait, there's more. This budget will also deliver \$1.8 million this year from a total spend of \$7.1 million for the construction of more parking at Lawnton station in the form of a park-and-ride on the Kurwongbah side of this station that borders my neighbour Nikki Boyd's electorate of Pine Rivers. Our local stations and their parking spaces are of vital importance to our Moreton Bay Labor MPs to ensure

that our commuters and road users have a well-integrated system—a system that gives them the very best way to move around their community so they can get about their lives and not sit wasting time in traffic.

This budget will allow us to continue the vital work on the Sideling Creek Dam, which we know as Lake Kurwongbah, which my electorate takes its name from. I am pleased to announce that \$10 million will be invested to continue the safety upgrade for Sideling Creek Dam through Seqwater, which is just another step the Palaszczuk government is making towards securing recreational access to Lake Kurwongbah into the future. I have been working with Seqwater on this since I was elected in 2015 to allow access to all recreational users after the waterskiers were kicked off the lake during the dark days of the Newman government after 50 years of being on there. This lake has now been taken off the water grid and there was community concern that the wall would not be repaired. I am pleased to say that the Palaszczuk government is delivering for recreational users of the lake.

This budget also delivers \$400,000 for Narangba Valley State High School to refurbish its home economics kitchen, a quarter of a million dollars for Jinibara State School to refurbish the teaching block and, continuing the works that we have done throughout my electorate on our schools, projects like the disability access path to the hall at Petrie State School—and I want to thank the former education minister, Hon. Kate Jones, for delivering that—and projects like the path to the oval at Narangba State School which was completed very recently. We will spend a further \$660,000 for maintenance and minor works across other schools in the Kurwongbah electorate.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our ministers and their staff for listening to my constant and somewhat tenacious lobbying on behalf of my community. This is what I do and what I will continue to do. Our Moreton Bay region is growing at an extremely rapid rate and we need to continue to keep ahead of this growth with our infrastructure rollout. The residents of my community can take comfort that we have a government that listens and delivers and has their best interests and the interests of all Queenslanders first and foremost. I am proud to support this budget.