




Speech By
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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.55 am): Today Scott Morrison is in Queensland with his cabinet, which means that today is the day for Scott Morrison and the LNP to deliver to Queensland our fair share. Queensland is Australia's third largest state in terms of population, second largest state in terms of land area and first choice for interstate migration. Despite this, when it comes to infrastructure, we get nothing from the Morrison coalition government. Look no further than the federal government's infrastructure priority list to see how Queenslanders continue to be duded by the Morrison LNP government.

Only two Queensland projects representing \$680 million in Commonwealth funding are on the federal government's infrastructure priority list, including the Beerburrum to Nambour railway upgrade project. When it comes to that project, half of the \$390 million so far committed by the federal government will not be available to Queensland for at least four years. They have duded us again by refusing 80-20 funding for that project. They are short-changing Queensland by almost a quarter of a billion dollars—\$230 million—if they were properly funding it at an 80-20 ratio. Meanwhile, on the infrastructure priority list we get only two projects but there are four for Victoria and five for New South Wales. In fact, a single project in New South Wales—the Sydney Metro being funded by the federal government at \$1.7 billion—is attracting almost three times the federal funding of Queensland's two projects. We have not received a single dollar for Cross River Rail, but when Scott Morrison was the treasurer—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr DICK: \$5 billion.

Mr SPEAKER: Minister, please resume your seat. Whilst I gave no such assurances to the minister that he would be heard in silence, I do expect that interjections are kept to a minimum. The House will come to order.

Mr DICK: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Let us look at Scott Morrison's record. When treasurer, he pledged \$5 million for an airport link in Victoria for which there was no business case and, at the time of the announcement, no preferred alignment. He did not even know where the railway was going to go but put \$5 billion into it—and members opposite complain that I am saying the federal government is duding Queensland! It took 18 months for the federal government to cough up some money for the South Rockhampton flood levee and, thanks to the member for Rockhampton, they finally put their money into that project.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr DICK: In respect of other regional projects—

Mr SPEAKER: Order! Members, I have tried to give you as much guidance as possible this morning. I appreciate the minister is being quite forceful in his delivery; however, I do not believe that he is being provocative about those opposite.

Mr DICK: I return to the federal government. There has been no priority given by Infrastructure Australia to the Townsville Ring Road, which is a kick in the guts for the Townsville community that has struggled with so much in recent times.

The LNP government in Canberra, Scott Morrison's government, has shown no commitment to the people of this state. When the Prime Minister comes to Queensland he is not 'ScoMo'; he is 'ScoNo'—no money for infrastructure, no money for services and no money for Queensland. He is so caught up in chaos, in leadership arguments, in settling scores and in starting culture wars to think about the infrastructure needs for our state. I call on all members of this House to back the Premier's call. It is time for Scott Morrison to deliver to Queensland our fair share.