



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Federal Budget, Infrastructure Funding**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.44 am): Tonight in Canberra the LNP has the opportunity to fix a very serious wrong—that is, the federal coalition’s chronic underinvestment in infrastructure in Queensland. Last year’s federal budget was a complete fizzer when it came to infrastructure for Queensland.

**Mr Mander** interjected.

**Mr DICK:** I will take the interjection. The only fair share the member for Everton wants is a fair share of One Nation preferences so he can get re-elected. That is what he wants—to have a fair share of funding from the Shooters Union. It was another coalition budget without a single dollar for Cross River Rail. Once upon a time the federal coalition did support Cross River Rail. They did support it once—

**Mr Minnikin** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Chatsworth, you are warned under the standing orders.

**Mr DICK:** But in last year’s federal budget all Queenslanders saw was Scott Morrison allocating \$5 billion for a railway in Victoria that at the time it was announced had no alignment, no business case, is not needed before 2030 and has no funding from the Victorian government. While Commonwealth funding for M1 upgrades are long overdue, the decision to fund only 50 per cent of these upgrades when it funds 80 per cent of upgrades on the same highway in New South Wales demonstrates yet again how the Morrison government treats Queenslanders as second-class citizens.

Even worse, when Queensland projects have been funded much of that funding does not flow and will not support jobs in our state until the 2023-24 financial year. Queensland’s peak motoring body, the RACQ, described Scott Morrison’s 2018 budget as adopting ‘some clever accounting to short-change Queenslanders in transport investment’. Frankly, Scott Morrison’s last budget was all smoke and no mirrors. Scott Morrison may be Australia’s third Prime Minister in five years but tonight he has one last chance to do the right thing by Queensland. He needs to deliver to Queensland our fair share of infrastructure funding, and that includes an 80-20 split of funding for the Beerburrum to Nambour rail duplication and for the Bruce Highway Trust; funding to deliver Cross River Rail; and funding a new national partnership agreement on remote housing after the federal coalition shamefully walked away from Indigenous housing. Tonight is Scott Morrison’s last chance to do the right thing for Queensland. Queenslanders know that the Palaszczuk government will always fight for our state’s fair share.