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
**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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**MOTION**

**Federal Government, Infrastructure Funding**

 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (12.07 pm): Not for one moment is anyone disputing the list of projects put forward or the fact that they are worthy projects. No-one is disputing that for a moment. We back them all. The Leader of the Opposition has a track record of backing them all. Members on this side of the House have a track record of backing them all. The comment that was made referred to the need to do more for drought and in this House we all should agree on that.

It is a sad day when a federal government has to come in and rescue a state government. Just this month the leader of the state government described the Prime Minister as the greatest risk to the Queensland economy. In the space of a couple of weeks, they have gone from calling him a liar to calling him a messiah. They have gone from criticising him publicly to wanting to somehow use this announcement as a political wedge. However, the wedge is not working because the comment made by Leader of the Opposition did not refer to these projects. These projects are backed by this side of the House. The comment made by the Leader of the Opposition referred to drought. Today we have an announcement that might very well be just a cruel hoax, that is, \$1 million for a feasibility study. Either the government wants to build the pipeline or it needs another solution. To somehow have another study is a cruel hoax—waiting for rain—at the worst possible time.

**Mr BAILEY:** Mr Speaker, I rise to a point of order. It is the same point of order that was raised for the Leader of the Opposition. The member is speaking on matters totally outside the scope of the motion. I ask that he be brought back to the substance of the motion.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): I ask you to come back to the motion being debated.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** In the motion the minister talks about playing politics. No project highlights that more than inland rail. For so many months Queensland is the only state that has played politics with a project that would deliver so much value for our state.

This announcement of infrastructure spending had to occur because this government has refused to bring forward funding for critical projects because so much of the infrastructure budget that has already been cut will be swallowed up by one project. This announcement does not change the fact that many of these projects still need acquisitions to make them work. The light rail is a classic example of that. If people want these projects, which have been announced by Canberra to save this state government, delivered then they have to elect an LNP government. If people want action on drought, they have to elect Deb Frecklington and an LNP government.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Broadwater, the time for this debate has now expired.