



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Federal Budget**

 **Mrs FRECKLINGTON** (Nanango—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (11.27 am): I rise to speak against the Premier's motion because Queensland deserves more. Queensland deserves better. Queensland deserves more than this Premier when it comes to standing up for Queensland.

Let us look at this. We have a Premier in Queensland who refuses to negotiate with the federal government. We have a Premier in Queensland who has no clue as how to cut a deal with the federal government. We have seen it in relation to Cross River Rail. We had the Premier stand up here proudly last year, backed up by her Treasurer, saying, 'We don't want your money, federal government. We're going to go it alone.'

**Ms Trad:** We never said that.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** That is exactly it—and we have had the Treasurer saying it again. We have her sitting in this House. That is what Queensland gets under the Palaszczuk government. We have a Premier who refuses to stand up for Queensland and who refuses to work with the federal government, and we have a Treasurer whose only plan is to slug us with five new taxes. The federal budget that has been handed down is good news for Queensland. We have a budget of tax cuts, a budget of increased infrastructure spending and a budget that supports rural and regional Queensland.

What have we got with the Palaszczuk government? More taxes and nothing more for Queensland, because what we have seen is a billion dollar black hole. We have a Treasurer who cannot plan for the future. We know that the property industry is going backwards under the Palaszczuk government. How can they have certainty when we have a Treasurer who comes into the Queensland parliament each and every year and thinks, 'Where can I get more money? Let's tax more people. Tax, tax and tax—and tax the property industry while we are at it.'

**An honourable member** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I take that interjection. What do we see from the Morrison federal budget? We see a stronger economy with fewer taxes. We see a budget that brings us back into the black. When I am talking about those tax cuts, which is something that the Palaszczuk government has absolutely no clue about—

**Ms Trad** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** The Treasurer in this House laughs because the Treasurer's only solution is more tax. The federal LNP, just like the state LNP, believes that Queenslanders deserve a fair go. That is exactly what the Morrison budget has given. It is projected that 2.26 million Queenslanders will receive tax relief in the 2018-19 financial year.

Not only does the federal Morrison government believe that a projected 2.26 million Queenslanders deserve some relief; that is what Prime Minister Morrison and federal Treasurer Josh Frydenberg believe. That is what our shadow Treasurer, the member for Everton, believes. That is what

the LNP state team believes. Today we have the state Treasurer and the Premier of Queensland speaking against the federal Labor leader. That would be Bill Shorten who stood up this morning and said, 'I support the federal Morrison government's tax cuts for an estimated 2.26 million Queenslanders.' Who is over here? We have the Premier who obviously struggles to negotiate with anyone. We have the Treasurer who does not back Queenslanders having tax relief, who refuses to back more money for infrastructure and more tax relief for the people of Queensland.

This is their motion. The Premier has been set up by her Treasurer. We are wasting time because we cannot get our house in order to determine what bill to debate so we are going to filibuster about the excellent federal Morrison budget. It would have been good if we could continue the debates, but the Leader of the House is struggling trying to work out which bill she is going to talk about. Let us get back to this one. Let us talk about infrastructure investment under the Morrison government.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Stewart): Order! Pause the clock. We do not need quarrelling across the chamber. The member for Nanango has the call.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I will take the interjection from over here. We are missing out because those opposite came in promising openness, accountability and transparency. What have we got? We have a filibuster motion which is ripping off 2.26 million Queenslanders because they cannot organise their business of the day. They cannot get their house in order because they do not support Queenslanders. What a shame!

Let us talk about infrastructure investment. The Premier so proudly held up her budget paper yesterday pretending that there was nothing on it—again misled by the person who wants to be the Premier sitting behind her. In the federal budget papers the government will provide an additional \$2.6 billion from 2020-21 for priority regional and urban transport infrastructure in Queensland. On this piece of paper for 2020-21 there is a five; on the next column for 2021-22 there is 105; and for 2022-23 there is a 203 there. Is it not amazing the piece of paper that the Premier gets handed? I table that document.

*Tabled paper.* Document, undated, titled 'Infrastructure Investment Program—Queensland Infrastructure Investments'. [542](#)

Unfortunately, the poor Premier has again been set up by her Treasurer, who is desperately trying to get her job.

**An honourable member** interjected.

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** I will take that interjection. On a serious note, one of the wonderful line items in this budget from the Morrison federal LNP government is its increased support for mental health funding, its increased health funding and its increased education funding. One that I am extraordinarily proud of is the increase in mental health funding for rural and regional Queenslanders. How can we help deliver that? The Palaszczuk Labor government in Queensland is so inept that it has a health system in crisis. What have we got from the federal Treasurer, Josh Frydenberg? We have more money for a rural generalist program for our Queensland hospitals. That is exactly what we need—help from the federal government, an increase in health spending and funding from the federal government, an increase of \$1.1 billion. Why do we need that? We need that because the Palaszczuk Labor government has a health system in crisis in this state. All hospitals in the south-east corner are reaching absolute breaking point. Worse than that, we have a Premier in this state who believes it is okay to shut down rural maternity services. How dare a Premier in this state come in here and move a motion to say that 2.26 million Queenslanders do not deserve a break. How can the Premier of this state not stand up for Queenslanders? The LNP will always stand up for Queenslanders. We will always stand up for increased health spending and tax cuts for Queenslanders.