




Speech By
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 **Mr KELLY** (Greenslopes—ALP) (6.34 pm): At the start of my contribution I would like to pass on my condolences to Denise Mann and her family on the recent passing of Brian Mann. Brian was a long-serving advocate with the Queensland Public Sector Union, a good mate of mine and well respected across the Public Service by both workers and management. His only fault in life was that he was a Manly supporter. I hope for his sake Manly beats my beloved Bunnies this Friday night. Brian will be sadly missed.

I would now like to oppose this motion. The member for Chatsworth certainly has form in this area. He has come in here before suggesting that we bring down the cost of registration. The last time he did that he suggested that we should reduce fines and get rid of fines for people who speed through school zones. He felt that we should favour people who choose to speed through school zones and put their actions ahead of the safety of students in schools. That was a disgraceful act by somebody who is supposedly the alternative spokesperson for road safety in this state.

Several speakers in this debate have asked where the money is going. Certainly, it is easy to see in my electorate when we see the veloway. I note the concerns raised by the previous speaker. I can tell members that the veloway is getting people in my electorate to and from work faster and safer. It is saving lives. The lives of the constituents in my electorate and creating safe transport infrastructure are very important for this government. We do that through the money that we raise from registration fees.

I would like those opposite to show us the infrastructure that was built by them. For me it is quite easy to see, because in my electorate you can see the one thing that they built. Perhaps it can be seen from the Chatsworth electorate as well. We can see the one piece of infrastructure that was built by those opposite and it certainly was not a piece of transport infrastructure.

Perhaps I should be generous. Perhaps I should say that this motion is driven by a concern about the cost of living. As a government that has brought down electricity prices, as a government that introduced Fairer Fares, I think that, when it comes to the cost of living, this government has a proud track record. Of course, the best protection that we can give people in terms of cost of living is giving them a job. When you sack 14,000 people, you damage their ability to manage their cost-of-living issues.

A government member interjected.

Mr KELLY: I take that interjection. They forget about that. The members opposite want to talk about the cost of living. The Skilling Queenslanders for Work program, which was cut by those opposite, puts long-term unemployed people into work. That is how you deal with the cost of living.

This is a ridiculous motion. It continues the opposition's trend of promising things costing billions of dollars and making no sense about how they are going to pay for them. At least the member for Clayfield was honest enough to say that he was going to sell or lease assets and get the money that way. The members opposite simply come in here and make promises costing billions of dollars, but they have absolutely no way of paying for them. That is why I oppose this motion.