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MOTION

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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (4.31 pm): I want to mirror the contribution of the member for Broadwater. This motion wastes another hour. This waste began last sitting with a similar motion. A couple of months ago the Premier stood beside ScoMo waxing lyrical about how wonderful ScoMo was doing. The mood on that side of the House has changed as the economic narrative begins to run away from them. We have a Treasurer who this week did not rule out new taxes and has not revealed this government's priorities when it comes to a budget. The narrative is starting to move away from this government as the people realise that it is only the federal Morrison government that has ever done anything substantive to help the people of Australia, in particular Queensland, through this crisis.

I recall back in March, when I was watching queues of people lining up at Centrelink—winding their way through the inner streets of Toowoomba—that it was the Morrison federal government that came out with JobKeeper. At the same time, this state Labor government was frozen and not able to work out its small business grants. Applications were opened and then were shut without notice. The state government had no clear vision about where its economic narrative was going. It was the leadership of the federal Morrison government that helped those people winding their way around the inner streets of Toowoomba in the Centrelink queue while members of this government sat on their hands.

This motion wants to talk about economic stimulus and economic support packages. Members opposite do not look at the Morrison federal government. The Morrison federal government has it covered. Members opposite need to start looking at their performance because, when it comes to fiscal stimulus, it is not just about JobKeeper, Jobs Finder and JobSeeker; it is about what this government is doing to stimulate this economy.

In Toowoomba and right across Queensland, there is a range of projects on which this government could bring forward spending to deliver stimulus out of Queensland. Why is this state Labor government not delivering stimulus on the ground for infrastructure right here, right now, in my part of the world? I refer to inland rail, roads, the Gore Highway from Goondiwindi to Toowoomba, the Warrego, the New England. Get behind a Fernleigh project that will deliver prosperity to the western suburbs of Toowoomba or a road along Boundary Street that will connect Highfields to Westbrook right along the western fringe of Toowoomba.

Why is this government constantly throwing stones at Canberra and the federal Morrison government when it was only that government that stood up and helped those people standing in the Centrelink queues in Toowoomba? Why does this government not stand up with the Toowoomba Chamber of Commerce and TSBE, get behind local projects and start to deliver real financial stimulus for infrastructure projects not just in the Toowoomba region but right across Queensland?