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 **Mr JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Deputy Leader of the Opposition) (3.31 pm): Does it not say everything about the underwhelming nature of this government's response to the COVID economic crisis that it took 20 minutes to get this motion moving? That says everything about the lack of vision and the lack of support that this government has on offer. It is important that we get some context. I did mention these numbers two weeks ago when we last debated this same question, but let us look at the support on offer. The federal government has tipped in over \$28 billion in direct economic support to the Queensland economy. In contrast, the state government has put in a little over \$8 billion. That is three times the amount of direct economic support. This state government, measured against gross state product, has spent the least out of any jurisdiction in the country. The federal government has done more than its fair share.

As the Leader of the Opposition has just said, we will not stop seeking more support from the federal government to back the Queensland economy, but this state government cannot stand by and just throw rocks. If they are not blaming Canberra, if they are not throwing stones at Canberra, they are busy stealing our ideas. Those opposite blame Canberra for everything—health, roads and the COVID economic recovery. Then they steal our ideas, whether it be the vouchers to get more kids out to the Great Barrier Reef or fast-tracking infrastructure. The state Labor government is out of ideas.

We will have more call-to-action summits. We went up to Cairns and we sat down with the members of the community. Nick, Advance Cairns CEO, met with members of the government this week. I had the good fortune to meet with him as well, as he proposed a series of projects that this government could get behind, whether it is water, the Cairns ring-road or unlocking the potential of agriculture in the Far North. There are things that the state Labor government could be doing right now to support Cairns and the Far North Queensland economy. We are going to keep offering up ideas. We are going to keep having call-to-action summits because those opposite might be out of ideas, but we are just getting started.