



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR PINE RIVERS**

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**MOTION**

**Federal Budget**

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (4.56 pm): I still do not think the member for Nanango, through you, Mr Deputy Speaker, makes an attractive prospect for preselection in Flynn. Despite three minutes of going on about how fantastic the Morrison government is, I still do not think that is enough.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order!

**Mrs Frecklington** interjected.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Order! Member for Nanango, you are on a warning. I was actually trying to hear the member's contribution because I thought she might have been straying away from the motion.

**Ms BOYD:** While the member for Nanango may claim that the Queensland Labor Party and the Palaszczuk government have forgotten to look after Queenslanders, I think she need only reflect on the election of 2020 and the diabolical result that she delivered as the opposition leader to see the mandate that the people of Queensland have given the Palaszczuk Labor government and the trust that they have placed in us. We know that Queensland is the best place to live. Every single day we see more Aussies moving here and calling it their home. With our COVID response being the envy of the world and with so much to offer in our way of life, it is little wonder.

Just last year 30,000 people donned the maroon jersey, threw back a XXXX, ate a mango and hopefully pledged their support to the supreme state in the country, Queensland. With more than 80 people choosing to call Queensland home each week in 2020, there can be no denying that this significant growth will require more infrastructure and investment. It is the ultimate endorsement of the economic recovery plan of the Palaszczuk government being implemented right now—a recovery plan that all would assume would be provided with federal government support. All Queenslanders ever ask for is our fair share.

What a letdown the federal budget was in this space last night. Queenslanders have been left holding the can as the Morrison government pour buckets of money into other states to further their political agendas while abandoning Queensland in this budget. But they have form. During the pandemic, we have seen the federal government walk away from more responsibilities—quarantining on the *Ruby Princess* cruise ships seeing six Queenslanders die in our state; abandoning aged care through the pandemic and certainly either end of it; fumbling the vaccine rollout; refusing to stand up quarantine facilities; and abandoning the tourism industry, which relies on international tourists. All the while, Australians are stranded overseas while the Morrison government sit on their hands.

It is not only the federal LNP which are sitting on their hands; the Queensland LNP are as quiet as mice during this federal budget. We do not hear so much as a squeak coming from that side of the House. They are not standing up for their communities and they are not advocating for Queensland's fair share. One is left to wonder if these mice are timid now that their top cat, Campbell Newman, is back.

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