




Speech By
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 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning) (4.18 pm): There you have it: five more minutes of the Leader of the Opposition on his feet and not once could he back Queensland. Not once could he say, 'Queensland should get its fair share.' Not once was he willing to criticise his bosses in Canberra and say, 'Queensland deserves better.' He never mentioned the fact that New South Wales and South Australia are not only getting a lot more money but also getting it sooner. He is unwilling to address that. All he wants to do is come in here and attack us, with no concern for Queensland and no concern for what the best outcome for Queenslanders would be.

All Queenslanders want is their fair share because they have done their fair share of the heavy lifting in the pandemic. They have made their share of sacrifices—they have endured the lockdowns, deferred their weddings and put off celebrations, their businesses have been impacted and they have missed their loved ones overseas. They have contributed their fair share. This is not Scott Morrison's money; this is Queensland taxpayers' money being withheld by the LNP, being delivered by the LNP particularly to their held states of New South Wales and South Australia.

As we turn to our economic recovery, we want Queenslanders to get back their fair share—their fair share of funding, their fair share of infrastructure, their fair share of the jobs and economic development that will come with that. Do any of those opposite back Queenslanders getting their fair share? The Leader of the Opposition certainly has not. I do not think any of the other speakers will either. They talk about infrastructure investment. We are spending \$56 billion over the next four years. Do members know what the Morrison government committed last night? It committed about \$800 million over the same four years. Our infrastructure spend will create 46,000 jobs for Queenslanders right across this state—58 per cent of those jobs in regional Queensland. We need more. We need the Morrison government to do more and to deliver our fair share.

Do members know how we know it is bad budget for Queensland? Those opposite do not want to talk about it. They divided twice on whether the motion could be moved. They did not want to debate the motion. They did not mention it in question time. The Leader of the Opposition could not even address the Morrison government's budget in his contribution on the motion. All Queenslanders want is their fair share and we want them to get it.