




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (9.46 am): After nine years of cold shoulders and raw deals from Canberra, Australia now has a federal Labor government that will finally listen to Queensland, and that is a federal Albanese Labor government—a federal Labor government that understands properly funding child care, a federal Labor government that understands properly funding aged care, a federal Labor government that understands properly funding support for veterans and disability services, and a federal Labor government that understands properly funding education, skills and training, and public hospitals and health care. Be assured, Mr Speaker, that we will be calling on the federal Albanese Labor government to do all of that and more when it comes to delivering Queensland's fair share.

We know that our nation faces challenging times—an uncertain international environment both in Europe and to our north, cost pressures on working families, unprecedented demand for housing and health services, and a federal budget left with \$1 trillion of LNP general government debt. When we call on Canberra to back Queenslanders we will get a fair hearing that has been absent for nine years. The Albanese federal Labor government can also look to Queensland for what can be achieved in difficult times—nation-leading job creation, lower debt and deficits, higher economic growth and a skilled, diversified and resilient economy. The hard work of Queenslanders over the last 2½ years provides a clear path forward for all of Australia. We look forward to better times under a federal Albanese government.