




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (7.06 pm): The 2022-23 Queensland budget is all about good jobs, better services and sustaining and enhancing the great lifestyle Queenslanders love. It is a strong Labor budget that puts people first and it is a budget that holds plenty of good news for the Woodridge electorate and the City of Logan. From education and health care to transport infrastructure and employment, it invests in our needs right now and for the future.

I am pleased to say this year's budget will allocate funds so design work can begin on a brand new hall for Browns Plains State High School. In the school's 50th anniversary year, I am also proud to have delivered more than \$8 million to expand and refurbish Woodridge State High School's hall. Doing this will unlock a range of opportunities for sports, performance, events and fundraising for some of the most talented students in Queensland. We are building a new family link centre at Kingston State School, refurbishing facilities and classrooms at Burrowes State School and Woodridge State School, and supporting the ongoing delivery of additional classrooms at Marsden State School. These projects and so many others form part of a \$183.9 million investment in new and improved school infrastructure right across the Woodridge electorate and the City of Logan.

Our government is also pleased to be putting \$3 billion into our local Metro South Hospital and Health Service for our growing community, and as part of our Queensland Health and Hospitals Plan we will invest \$530 million in a further expansion of the Logan Hospital, delivering around 112 additional beds. Since being elected, we have added 524 extra teachers and 509 extra nurses in Logan and we will keep working to build those numbers further. We will see our road and transportation network strengthened with wide-reaching improvements as part of a \$815 million infrastructure package. This includes ongoing funding for the expansion of the Pacific Motorway.

Our champion local netballers at the Logan City Netball Association will be excited to hear we are upgrading their courts with \$638,000 to be spent this coming financial year. We are keeping our successful job-creating programs going like Skilling Queenslanders for Work, which will get more local people into employment. An amount of \$45.7 million will go towards increasing and improving our social housing supply and we are also putting tens of millions of dollars into ongoing flood recovery.

As I mentioned, this budget is squarely focused on three key pillars for Queensland: jobs, services and protecting and sustaining our amazing lifestyle. It heartens me greatly to know just how many Queenslanders this budget will help. It is a budget that puts us back on track to take advantage of the golden decade that is ahead of us. It is a budget that invests in the electorate of Woodridge and the great people of the City of Logan.