



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment) (9.50 am): The budget I handed down yesterday delivers for Queenslanders wherever they live. It is a budget for the times we face and it is a budget that has been well received across the state. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland CEO, Heidi Cooper, described—

**Mr Crisafulli:** AMAQ.

**Mr SPEAKER:** The Leader of the Opposition will cease his interjections.

**Mr DICK:** I take the interjection. Is he going to back the revenue measures or is he going to sack the health staff like he did last time? That is the choice on Thursday. Anyway, we will have more on that later.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland CEO, Heidi Cooper, described it as ‘a positive step forward in ensuring Queensland businesses can grow’. CCIQ welcomed our cuts to payroll tax for small and medium family businesses, saying it gives them ‘incentive to grow their workforce without facing higher tax bills’.

I was particularly pleased to see our historic and sustainable investment in mental health care welcomed by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. Its Queensland chair, Professor Brett Emmerson, said ‘the budget shows the Queensland government is serious about delivering the mental health services that Queenslanders deserve’. As ever, most of our infrastructure spend is occurring outside greater Brisbane. I note the words—

**Mr Bleijie:** How are the live crosses going?

**Mr DICK:** Very well thank you, member for Kawana—absolutely nailed the story. I note the words—

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members on both sides of the House, there are far too many interjections. I am having some difficulty hearing the Treasurer. I would like to hear the ministerial statement.

**Mr DICK:** I note the words of Toowoomba Regional Council Deputy Mayor Geoff McDonald in welcoming our announcement of a new hospital for the garden city: ‘How good is this? Fantastic to see it happening.’

The Palaszczuk Labor government will always back water projects for our regions, and the regional councils we work with across the state know it well. I read this morning that Rockhampton Regional Council Mayor Tony Williams described our \$40 million full funding of the Mount Morgan water pipeline project as ‘historic’. He went on—

It’s a historic day for Rocky Regional Council and an even more momentous day for the Mount Morgan community, they finally will have a permanent water supply ...

The *Cairns Post* reports that Mayor Bob Manning cheered as the budget delivered \$107½ million for the water security project. On the Gold Coast, Destination Gold Coast CEO Patricia O'Callaghan welcomed our \$66 million investment in tourism, saying, 'The continued investment and backing the industry will be so critical.' Steve Noakes, the chair of the Binna Burra board of directors, spoke warmly of our \$18 million commitment—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr DICK:** Thank you, member for Scenic Rim. Steve Noakes spoke warmly of our \$18 million commitment to help them rebuild, saying it is 'enormously welcomed by all of us at Binna Burra'. The Queensland Conservation Council has described our \$262.5 million protected areas investment as a 'win for nature' with 'the potential for massive outcomes for nature conservation in Queensland'.

As I said yesterday, the people of Queensland will not pay \$1 of the revenue measures I announced in the budget, the revenue measures which support these initiatives. I am proud—

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Members on both of sides of the House, the volume of interjections is too high. I will start naming members and I will start issuing a general warning to the entire chamber if I cannot hear the speaker on their feet.

**Mr DICK:** I am proud to have delivered a budget that fulfils our promises to the people of Queensland, securing good jobs and better services and sustaining our great Queensland lifestyle.