




Speech By
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 **Mr CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Leader of the Opposition) (4.07 pm): I always say that we work best when we work together. Of course, when we are in the shadows of a federal election, as we saw before the last one, this parliament becomes a theatre for those desperate to change government in Canberra. What is most disappointing is that, when that is the case, partnerships that can deliver for people take a back seat to partisan politics. It is music to my ears when the Premier talks about a fair share because that is something we should be fighting for. We should be fighting for it regardless of the colour of the government in Canberra.

The Premier could not say it but I will: Mr Albanese, the Leader of the Opposition. If Mr Albanese is elected as prime minister of this country I will be willing to work with Mr Albanese because that is what good state governments do. It is what good people in public office do. Rather than taking this opportunity for the parliament to put a focus on things that we can control, this has turned into a theatre for bashing Canberra. The test for the Premier is this: would she continue this bravado if the government were to change? In the meantime, I have a suggestion for the Premier. If we are looking for flood mitigation, and there are few causes more worthy than that, this state has not built a dam in a generation. This state has not—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Order, Deputy Premier! Order, Treasurer!

Mr CRISAFULLI: This state has not embarked on the flood mitigation it has needed. This state has not built levees or detention basins for over seven years. Do members know the best way to deliver? Mr Deputy Speaker, you may be struggling to hear me but I will continue despite that. The best way to deliver flood mitigation would be to make a detailed proposal to the Commonwealth and say, 'This is why we back this proposal.' When governments choose to make funding submissions through the media, is it any wonder that political argy-bargys undermine the opportunity to get flood mitigation?

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Comments will come through the chair, Treasurer.

Mr CRISAFULLI: I am trying to respectfully deal with an issue. The issue is that good governments work together. Good governments put forward good, costed proposals. I back the plan to provide flood mitigation for this state. I would work with any government in Canberra to do so, as I do about the health system. Every day I will get up and fight for my fair share for this state—every day.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr CRISAFULLI: No—

Mr Dick interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order!

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: In terms of the level of interjection, I know there is a lot of feeling in this debate and I know there are lots of people who want to have a say. There will be plenty of opportunity to get yourselves on the speaking list.

Mr CRISAFULLI: You are right, Mr Deputy Speaker. Any reduction in health funding should be resisted. I have fought hard in terms of the level of reduction for the HHSs in this state; \$400 million in the past three years. I will fight Canberra in terms of any reduction. Health is the responsibility of the state. A good state government would heal the health crisis by doing two things: first, they would work with Canberra to get our fair share; secondly, they would listen to doctors and nurses about putting them back in charge of fixing—

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