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## **APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL**

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#### **REVENUE LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.50 pm): I am so happy to rise and contribute to this debate. From the outset I congratulate the Treasurer on a sensational budget for Queensland and for my community of Pine Rivers. This budget focuses funding where it is needed most: in dealing with the demands of a growing population and investing in a bright and safe future for us all. There are major investments in our schools, particularly our high schools and special schools, an ambulance station in Lawnton, a replacement police station in Dayboro, major road safety upgrades, public transport upgrades, increased funding to our neighbourhood centre by over 81 per cent over four years, 93 more hospital beds at the Prince Charles Hospital and 204 new beds at Redcliffe. It continues to repair the damage still felt from the tyranny of conservative governments at state and federal levels and focuses its attention on the best asset our state has: our people.

Sitting through the LNP's budget response often feels like an endurance test and all indications are that this year there will be no change in circumstance in the Legislative Assembly. The lectures continue with veracity and despite the claims and chest beatings from those opposite, who hold themselves up to be superior economic managers, speaker after speaker from the LNP will stand up demanding their pet projects get a run or stomp their feet when they are not getting enough or not getting all of the presents under the tree for themselves. As I say, this often feels like an endurance test.

Even this week I have been talking to members of the opposition, crossbench and government about getting in the right frame of mind to conquer the long hours of budget week. Endeavouring to be prepared as always, I started to turn my mind to this some time ago and was thinking: is there a community service opportunity here? Is there a charitable act or an act of service I can perform to be of help? As I was preparing I contemplated that the best predictor of future behaviour is past behaviour and I had an idea.

In the seventh year of the dark oblivion of opposition with their fourth opposition leader and countless other iterations, I thought to myself that perhaps the most useful thing may indeed be light. I suppose it may be useful to provide some light to those opposite. I set out in search of a compact or convenient minitorch for them, something to assist them in their darkness. I imagine that members may indeed use it differently. The Leader of the Opposition, I imagine, would hold the torch under his chin like he is telling a horror story only to realise mid story that he is spilling out the same yarn as all of his failed predecessors but just to a smaller and smaller audience. The member for Kawana may use it as a safer option than a naked flame when he is reapplying his hairspray. The member for Currumbin can use it to guide people over the hard border closures. The member for Burdekin can use his torch to

directly shine it in the faces of people during his vigilante activities. I imagine in their partyroom meeting they turn off the lights and one of them would draw the short straw and have to move it around the room so they can chase it like a cat with a laser for team-bonding activities.

My community service leads me to no other than the LNP website for a brilliant blue branded LNP LED torch/light, heavily discounted—slashed, in fact, in typical LNP style—so it is now only \$3.50 a pop. You beauty! Imagine my deep and enduring disappointment when I clicked on the link only to be greeted—

**Mrs FRECKLINGTON:** Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I ask that you rule on relevance.

**Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER** (Mr Kelly): I will rule on relevance. There is no point of order.

**Ms BOYD:** I think those opposite may be hiding the replacement batteries from the member for Nanango so she cannot get another go. As I say, imagine my deep and enduring disappointment when I clicked on the link only to be greeted by an error notice and an apology that the link leads to a place that cannot be found. How is this for consistency? Still in the dark, substantive content still cannot be found, broken link and even though heavily reduced, they are lacking.

*Tabled paper:* Extract from LNP webpage, undated, regarding the sale of LNP LED lights/torches [917](#).

Mr Deputy Speaker, you have reviewed and approved my budget speech for incorporation. As such, I ask that the remainder of my speech be incorporated in the *Record of Proceedings*.

*The speech read as follows—*

#### Education

Deputy Speaker we continue to build upon the proud legacy of Palaszczuk Government school investments throughout our community. Prior to our government, many of our local schools had been long waiting since their BER halls and resource centres to have any infrastructure investment commitments made at all.

Only months after I had the honour to cut the ribbon on the Bray Park State High School's innovation centre, this budget brings another massive commitment for the school community with another new building. This budget announces a \$15.4 million building with 10 learning spaces, 4 specialist spaces, and an extension to the design technology centre. The specialist spaces will make for a well being hub for the school and all-round health and wellness of students.

Pine Rivers State High School \$5.7 million investment in learning spaces that assist in vocational training- certificate II and III courses. These will make for contemporary specialist spaces and enhance mechanics, manual arts, hospitality and the arts.

Both of our state high schools are already tremendous spaces for getting the foundations for a bright and limitless future and these investments will make them even better places to learn and develop.

At Dayboro State School this year we have opened the senior playground, a election commitment and work is coming to an end on our accessible pathways program, making the school campus on a steep hill, a learning space for all. This budget will continue to build upon the classroom refurbishments in the school with 3 more learning spaces getting modernised under the infrastructure enhancement program.

Pine Rivers Special School additional classrooms is a \$14.7m investment in what I am told is the states largest special school. This double story building is currently coming out of the ground and will be the third large scale building delivered on the campus by the Palaszczuk Government. The prior buildings have provided modern teaching and learning environments for staff and students alike, and I am eagerly awaiting this construction finalisation- and am confident this building will be just as transformative for the special school community.

Strathpine West State School's Outside School Hours Care program is bursting at the seams and my election commitment of a renovation to the space will result in the OSHC being able to increase their capacity. I know the school and OSHC has been working hard to get the program shovel ready and this budget will see the dollars start to flow to this program. Strathpine West will also see a major investment in a school security fence as part of our facilities renewal program.

#### Health

We know Deputy Speaker that there is unprecedented pressure on our Health and Hospital system right across the country, there is a range of complex factors that are underlying this pressure, but what we know for sure, is that there is increased demand on the system right now.

Be it population growth, a lack of primary care, ageing population, a lack of aged care and disability care, declining private health cover or covid-19. 2020-21 when compared to 2014-15 patient admissions in our hospitals has increased nu 40.1% and emergency department presentations has seen category 1, 2 and 3 presentations (the most serious types) increase by 28.6%

This budget brings a comprehensive plan and funding to address this unprecedented pressure. Locally we have the satellite hospital underway- which will free our major hospitals of presentations and allow for more acute beds.

We will a 150 bed Cancer care Centre based at the Royal with 150 beds. Hospital expansions are happening across Queensland including 93 new beds at The Prince Charles Hospital and 204 new beds at the Redcliffe Hospital.

The antiquated and badly placed Petrie Ambulance Station will be waved goodbye as we commence construction of the contemporary new station with increased capacity on Gympie Road in my electorate at Lawnton.

## Roads

The size and diversity of my community means, more often than not, that people move around it using their cars. I have very long stretches of state roads and this budget continues to progress major safety upgrade works on Eaton's Crossing Road, Samford Road and Mount Glorious Road.

Eaton's Crossing Road and particularly the Lilley Road intersection, is a notoriously unsafe road with a high rate of crashes, including many fatal crashes over the years.

There is a major end-to-end safety upgrade which will also spill out to make safer the Gibbons Road intersection in Samford.

Detailed design on these works is almost completed and we expect the construction to go to tender later this year.

This is a project I have campaigned hard for, and I am so pleased to see it move forward in its delivery and address the major areas of concern for local commuters.

I've spoken in this place before about the Samford Road upgrades and the strong community call to keep the overtaking lanes for road users.

After some immediate surface works on the road, the department has been working hard designing and finding dollars to retain the overtaking lanes and carry out safety works required to make this notorious stretch of road between Lomandra Picnic Area and the Camp Mountain Road intersection safer. We will also be upgrading the Camp Mountain Road intersection as part of the project works.

For some time the bus station at the Strathpine Centre has been getting expansion works to increase capacity and I am pleased to see that with additional need to this major shopping destination- there will be further investment to make this safe and able to deal with the bus and passenger movements.

## Emergency services

Deputy Speaker, it has been a pleasure to work with our Police Minister to engage with the community in Dayboro as we plan the replacement Dayboro Police Station.

This will be a facility that will serve the community well into the future and will be a modern, purpose-built facility for our hardworking QPS team.

Community feedback has changed the design to have more of a heritage style design and make sure the facility has ample parking spaces to avoid occupying carparking on the street side.

I look forward to continuing to work with this community to deliver this resource, along with the Palaszczuk Governments record investment for more police officers in our community.

## Community services

We have such a hard-working team at our Pine Rivers Neighbourhood Centre- a team that always manages to stretch a dollar as far as they can, so it is of real comfort to know that this centre in Lawnton will be receiving a 81% increase to funding to continue their great work.

## SEQ stimulus funding

Following on from the proven success of the Works for Queensland program, the SEQ Community Stimulus Funding provides local councils the funding they need to deliver long lasting infrastructure, in areas where they need it- putting dollars into the local economy and generating local jobs.

Only a couple of weeks ago I cut the ribbon on the long-awaited Percy Cash Pedestrian Bridge in Samford and there is more exciting upgrades in the pipeline for our community.

The Pine Rivers Swans have a new changeroom delivered and we are constructing right now a new clubhouse.

The Pine Rivers BMX club have a state-of-the-art facility under construction at Nolan Park, which will continue to see more World Champions come up through this great club.

The Dayboro community will finally get safe Footpath's infrastructure on Hay Road and the Dayboro Dingos will see lighting installed at their fields.

## Local government portfolio

It has been an honour to serve Palaszczuk as the Assistant Minister for Local Government and I wanted to highlight some of the valuable programs this budget delivers for Councils across our state.

There is \$36.1 million for the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program. This is funding assistance to support councils to deliver priority infrastructure projects to meet identified community needs and supports projects that will create sustainable and liveable communities.

Spend for 2022-2024 round of Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program is almost \$86 million. I am advised that the above funding represents the first 30% payment for the 2022-2024 round and some funds to pay out projects delivered under previous rounds

Next Mr Speaker is the \$88.2 million towards the \$1 billion Works for Queensland program (2021-2024 round = \$200 million). This supports local governments in regional Queensland undertaking job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure works.

\$24.8 million is going towards the \$200 million SEQ Community Stimulus Program (2021-2024 round = \$100 million)— a program I see working in my own community as I highlighted earlier. This fast tracks South East Queensland councils' investment in new infrastructure and community assets that create jobs and deliver economic stimulus.

There is also \$22.3 million towards the \$120 million Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program to support Indigenous councils to implement projects and infrastructure works relating to critical water, wastewater and solid waste assets, and provide a basis for the long-term strategic management of essential assets.

\$9.9 million is going towards the \$200 million COVID Works for Queensland program to support local governments in regional Queensland undertaking job-creating maintenance and minor infrastructure projects.

\$2m for the Burdekin Shire Council Ayr Water Supply—Infrastructure (Stage 2) Project, our government is providing increased funding of \$2 million in 2022-23 for the Burdekin Shire Council to complete Stage 2 of the Ayr Water Supply Infrastructure project. Total funding for this program is \$12 million over 4 years from 2019-20. I was there only a couple of weeks ago to see the benefit this project will deliver.

In addition, there is \$5 million for sustainability of Queensland local governments. Our government is providing additional funding of \$5 million over 3 years to deliver a suite of local government sustainability initiatives focused on supporting Queensland councils address capability, service delivery and financial challenges that are impacting the sector's long-term sustainability.

#### Summary

There is plenty more Deputy Speaker in this budget for Queenslanders- from our enormous housing plan, our environmental action and our renewables future. A huge investment in the SES, an invaluable resource through Queensland's natural disasters. My community has not escaped the impact of the February floods and the resilience and rebuild funding in this budget is a welcomed investment for many still putting the shattered pieces together.

Small and medium sized businesses will get payroll tax relief and there is a historic spend addressing the challenges of mental health response, support and treatment which is a watershed moment in the history of our state.

Deputy Speaker, this is a budget that is already being embraced by my community. It's a budget that get the priority balance right and delivers the services Queenslanders want and need.

Can I conclude by thanking the Treasurer, Premier and Cabinet for taking these decisions and continuing to keep the trust and build the trust with the people of our great state. This is a budget that delivers for all of Queensland and will propel us forward in our recovery efforts to a brighter future.