



Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**  
**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL**

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**Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)**

**Appropriation Bill**

**State Development and Regional Industries Committee, Report**

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure) (12.52 pm): I can confirm for the benefit of the House that I will never be accepting the member for Kawana's invitation to meet him out the back.

I rise to welcome the tabling of the State Development and Regional Industries Committee report into the proposed budget appropriations for 2022-23. I note that the recommendation from the committee that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Appropriation Bill 2022 for the committee's areas of responsibility, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment. I would like to thank the committee for their work in examining and scrutinising the 2022 budget as it relates to my portfolio responsibilities as Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympics Infrastructure. The committee's work plays an essential role in Queensland's democratic process. I acknowledge the work they have put in over the last few months.

The Palaszczuk government has proudly delivered another strong Labor budget—a budget that reflects our government's values and delivers on our election commitments. The Palaszczuk government's top priorities are creating good jobs, delivering better services and protecting Queenslanders' great lifestyle. This budget delivers on those priorities. Under this government, funding for Queensland's health services has increased every single year. This year we delivered the biggest ever health budget, with the biggest ever increase in capital expenditure and biggest ever increase in funding for health services.

Queenslanders have the best lifestyle in the country and thousands of Australians are rightly looking to move here and call Queensland home. While we welcome more Queenslanders, we also acknowledge that this is putting pressure on our housing supply. The Palaszczuk government is tackling this, investing in social housing, supporting good, affordable housing developments and unlocking more land for development. Across Queensland we are unlocking 50,000 residential lots, including 30,000 in Caboolture West alone. The Caboolture West development will deliver homes for around 70,000 people and deliver access to 17,000 good jobs, while protecting the lifestyle Queenslanders know and love.

As Queensland's population booms we need to create more jobs to set our state up for future success. Part of our vision is to establish Queensland as a global hydrogen hub. Our ambitious vision is for Queensland to be at the forefront of renewable hydrogen production in Australia by 2030, supplying an established domestic market and export partners with a safe, sustainable and reliable supply of hydrogen. The renewable revolution creates so many opportunities for Queenslanders. We can create good jobs and we can bring manufacturing home here to Queensland.

In Maryborough, Energy Storage Industries Asia Pacific has brought their first large-scale iron flow battery hub to Queensland. The member for Maryborough can attest to the good, local manufacturing jobs this brings. I am looking forward to creating more throughout this great state.

While there is a lot to love about Queensland, we also have our own unique challenges as the most natural disaster-prone state in Australia. Earlier this year we saw the devastating impact Queensland's weather can have, with the full might of the rain bomb unleashing on the south-east. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority has done Queenslanders proud, getting on with the job of rebuilding and making our state more resilient.

It was clear from the estimates hearings that those opposite do not support the Palaszczuk government's priorities and those of the Queensland people. Tens of thousands of Queenslanders are proudly public servants, serving this great state, creating good jobs, delivering frontline services and protecting Queensland's lifestyle. Those opposite chose to use the estimates process to attack and denigrate those hardworking public servants.

It is clear the opposition has learnt nothing from their time in government where the Leader of the Opposition sat around the cabinet table and sacked 14,000 Queensland public servants. The opposition's disgraceful display at estimates demonstrates to Queenslanders that they will do it all again if they get the chance. Although, I note that the Leader of the Opposition has said he will just do it more slowly.