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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (7.00 pm): Whilst the federal Labor government's budget is to be handed down tonight, I wish to turn our attention to next month's upcoming Queensland state Labor budget. The Palaszczuk state Labor government must listen to the needs of local residents of the electorate of Moggill and deliver the critical infrastructure, government services and cost-of-living relief that I have been consistently advocating for and raising with the state Labor government over many years. This includes an integrated road and public transport plan with funded solutions to ease traffic congestion and improve public and active transport services, with cyclist and pedestrian safety also prioritised. It is also imperative that the Palaszczuk state Labor government delivers additional and increased public transport services on existing routes as well as expanded local services for residents, who have long been ignored by the state Labor government. The Palaszczuk state Labor government must also deliver enhanced footpath and pedestrian infrastructure along both Moggill Road and Mount Crosby Road, including to the Moggill District Sports Park.

Local school communities also deserve to have their school infrastructure priorities fully funded, including those at Kenmore State High School, which is in absolute need of a new school hall and other purpose-built and enhanced learning environments to meet the increasing student population. These are matters that I have raised directly with the Minister for Education.

The Labor state government must deliver enhanced disaster and emergency management resources for the management of floods and bushfires, with additional resource funding for our local ambulance stations and the dedicated building of a new ambulance station at Karana Downs.

Local residents and all Queenslanders must see practical measures that meaningfully provide cost-of-living relief, enable more affordable housing and increase the delivery of clean, reliable and affordable energy. There absolutely must be funding allocated to fix Labor's hospital and health crisis. This includes fully funding new hospital beds. Too many local residents in the electorate of Moggill are suffering due to ambulance ramping, ambulance delays and access block.

All of these issues were also emphasised at a recent local community forum hosted by the Brisbane West Lions Club. Members of the Brisbane West Lions Club understand and continue to highlight the failure of the Labor-Greens alliance, and specifically the Palaszczuk Labor government, to deliver the local infrastructure required for our local area including an additional high school as well as a community and neighbourhood centre, funding to enhance our local environment and ensure sustainable growth, and solutions to bust traffic congestion and enhanced public and active transport. This was a clear outcome of the Brisbane West Lions community forum hosted by president John Williams and the report compiled by the Lions and its Community Infrastructure and Wellbeing Committee.

Whilst Labor and the Greens have given up, I will continue fighting for local residents—for the infrastructure and services they deserve. There is no doubt that we need additional solutions to bust traffic congestion and additional investment in our schools, cost-of-living relief as well as the building of a community and neighbourhood centre which can service all suburbs in the electorate of Moggill.