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 **Ms PEASE** (Lytton—ALP) (2.24 pm): I stand today in support of the Premier's call on the federal government to ensure that Queensland gets its fair share of federal funding. Our population is booming here in Queensland and now is not the time to cut the infrastructure spend in Queensland. Our decentralised state has the largest road network in Australia. Baysiders are consumers of the M1 and the Gateway Motorway. These road corridors are important infrastructure projects for all of my constituents who make use of those roads. That is why I am happy to stand here and join the Premier to call-out and ensure that we get our fair share of funding.

Today I am also here to talk about those opposite and ask them what funding they will be cutting in Queensland. They are yet to advise that. I spoke last week about the LNP's little, far right yellow and blue brochure. I remind everyone in the House that there is not one mention of the arts and culture in this ridiculous little document. I guess they do not have any policies. I guess that is what they are saying.

They do not support the arts, nor are they inclusive, which is pretty clear by the actions of the LNP powerbrokers in my electorate. These people have moved into the bayside and have been accepted and treated with kindness at their time of great need, and this is how they are repaying my community. They are throwing around homophobic attitudes with their right wing, shameful, out-of-step attitude. These people have threatened sponsors and they are wanting to close down the entire festival due to the acts that will be on show. These are LNP powerbrokers: remember that.

They have kind of accepted that the Fringe is going to go ahead, but they want to close down the Bay Pride event. I have called on the local LNP to make a public statement that they do not support this heavyweight LNP powerbroker, but what have we heard? We have heard nothing, not a thing. What an absolute disgrace. I call on the LNP to make it clear that they are not homophobic and that they are an inclusive organisation. The Wynnum Fringe is an inclusive event with loads of family friendly shows and activities. I call on the LNP to drop down there and see these fantastic events. Come and see what beautiful opportunities there are for our entire community.