




Speech By
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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (4.48 pm): I thought we should take this debate back to what is in the motion. Let me talk about point No. 1. It states—

Notes the LNP under the leadership of the Member for Broadwater announced \$10 billion of cuts to Queensland's Big Build Infrastructure program—

I noticed that not one single member of the opposition can speak about that. The Leader of the Opposition spoke about everything but, so what are Queenslanders to conclude? They are to conclude that the \$10 billion of cuts are going to hurt growing areas like Logan because they will not deny that they are their plans as they announced them.

Mr Deputy Speaker, I do not know if you noticed but we have seen LNP members skulking around recently with a little blue and white document with 'Right wing priorities' labelled on it. Being a former teacher, I immediately looked at what they are going to do for school investment, especially school infrastructure, which is a big part of our Big Build. We have built the Park Ridge State School admin block that we have just opened. Logan Village has new schools with Yarrabilba State School and South Rock State School—which is a huge investment—and we have the new Park Ridge State School.

When I looked in that book there was nothing, and that fits with what they did in the last government. Do members know that there were no new schools built in the growing areas of Logan during the LNP's last term in government? In fact, there were no classrooms built. They did not build a single classroom in the growing area. This \$10 billion worth of cuts that they have announced, thanks to the member for Chatsworth—they have announced them—is going to hurt Logan people the worst. We also saw that under the LNP there were no new beds added to the Logan Hospital, whereas we have built ward 2B and ward 2M, both rapid builds, and we are doing stage 1 and stage 2. We had no help from the Morrison government whatsoever, but we went ahead and did it.

This is clear: in a growing area cuts hurt the worst, because it is not just about improvements. They have let it out of the bag—\$10 billion worth of cuts that will hurt Logan and the growing areas of Logan. We saw more than \$160 million worth of cuts on the Mount Lindesay Highway under the LNP. Now we are seeing investment. We have a minister who backs investment on the Mount Lindesay Highway. We are seeing the four-laning of the Mount Lindesay Highway at Chambers Flat. We will continue to fight for funding. We will continue to fight to make it a road that gets the investment. Logan cannot afford the \$10 billion of cuts that they are absolutely—

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