



Speech By
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NOTICE OF MOTION

Cost of Living



Mr BERKMAN (Maiwar—Grn) (10.16 am): I give notice that I will move—

That this House:

1. notes that:
 - (a) the cost-of-living crisis is hitting Queenslanders hard, with transport costs a major contributor. According to the Australian Automobile Association, Brisbane households currently spend an average of 18 per cent of their incomes on transport, including fuel, registration, car loans and insurance, with Townsville households spending an average of \$355 per week.
 - (b) Brisbane public transport fares are among the highest in the country.
 - (c) according to TransLink data, weekly patronage on its South-East Queensland services has fallen by 16 per cent from pre-COVID levels in 2019.
 - (d) the Queensland government failed to meet the 2022 deadline for all train stations to be compliant with federal disability standards as required under the federal Disability Discrimination Act, and around a third of train stations across South-East Queensland are still not fully accessible.
 - (e) transport emissions are the third largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Australia, with emissions from cars and light commercial vehicles contributing 11.6 per cent of annual emissions, and are also the fastest growing source of emissions in the country.
2. calls on the government to:
 - (a) commit to increase the general public transport concession to make public transport free for all users.
 - (b) commit to a binding, fully funded plan to make all of Queensland's train stations 100 per cent compliant with federal disability standards.
 - (c) increase investment in public transport frequency and connectivity including through investment in new routes and dedicated bus lanes along major transport corridors.