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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (5.49 pm): What a ripper of a budget this one is. Can I start off by congratulating the Treasurer and Minister for Trade and Investment on a fantastic budget for Queensland. For my community of Pine Rivers, it delivers some great projects that I am really excited about. There is money in this budget for our Eatons Crossing Road upgrade—a project that I campaigned really hard to get funding for that will see safety improvements through that corridor.

Bray Park State High School is getting a brand new building which will be focused on industrial technology precincts and it will also upgrade the manual arts facility. I thank the minister for this tremendous investment in the local high school at Bray Park.

In terms of other investments, I was out the other day on site at Lawnton Ambulance Station where remediation works are already commencing to build a brand new ambulance station that is accessible for our community and replaces the old ambulance station at Petrie. This will increase capacity and provide modern facilities for our ambulances and our paramedics. The Dayboro Police Station is getting replaced, which is fantastic. It is a really old, dingy building. I was there the other day giving Sergeant Ken Robinson his Queensland Day award, and I have to say that that facility is in complete need of a replacement. It has been wonderful to work with the community to get a fantastic plan together on that.

We also have upgrades to the Trevena Glen Farm. It is creating a ride-on mini train railway attraction and some fantastic things to create a better experience there. I thank the Minister for Tourism, Innovation and Sport for that investment in our community. It is a bullseye for Samford archery which will be getting an increase in funding for their facilities to increase the archery capability in our local community. It is an absolute bullseye. We also have investment in the North Pine Dam. I thank the Minister for Water for that investment. It will ensure that we fix up that dam wall.

I was so excited on Sunday to announce the Gympie Road bypass tunnel with the Treasurer and the Minister for Transport and Main Roads. For our community, that will be a complete game changer. It will help those parallel roads along that corridor and it will help locals getting from place to place. It will take through traffic off our local roads which will improve the lifestyle of members of our community meaning they are not stuck in traffic and they can get home sooner.

We have our Kallangur Satellite Hospital which is under construction right now. It is such an exciting facility and it will increase the capability of our local hospital at Prince Charles. In addition to that, we are creating 93 new beds there, a new car park, which is very much needed, and new clinical services. There is lots and lots locally in our budget.

The cost-of-living relief is a fantastic and welcome addition to our community. It is done without adding to inflationary pressures in the economy. It does not matter whether it is the energy price, the free kindy or the SwimStart vouchers, it will help families and households in our local community.

We continue on with a huge investment in our front line as well with the men and women who represent our community every day. I thank those fantastic folk out there serving our community.

We also have the largest budget surplus of any state or territory in the nation right now. This is something to be proud of. It has been done through progressive coal royalties which enables us to do a big build and also provide that cost-of-living relief. We can only do this because we own our energy assets and we are getting those progressive coal royalties. This is good Labor policy that is delivering for our communities and the families in our communities.

I listened with real interest to the very prolonged budget reply attack speech from the Leader of the Opposition today. I learnt when they went to the election in 2017 that the swim vouchers was one of their policies. I am a keen observer in politics. I would like to know how the LNP are going to pay for their policies, what they stand for and what they are going to deliver to our community. I have been diligently working today to try to find out what the LNP plan is but I could not find a thing.

Mr Healy: Any luck?

Ms BOYD: I had no luck at all, member for Cairns. I take that interjection. The only plan I could find that had over 50 policies in it was Campbell Newman's plan around getting Queensland on track. I had to go way back. The member for Clayfield was there, along with a previous member for Callide as well as the member for Surfers Paradise of course. The really interesting thing for me was that we could not actually find any commitment from the LNP at all around what they stand for in Queensland or what they will provide for Queenslanders. If they are going to talk about promises from previous elections, which promises are they still upholding and which ones are they going to dismiss? I cannot see any evidence there. I see no private members' bills coming through this House. We cannot find a single written policy from the LNP that David Crisafulli has put his name or his face to.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Walker): Pause the clock. I ask you to please use correct titles.

Ms BOYD: The Leader of the Opposition is nowhere to be seen in terms of policy commitments for the LNP. They need to write it down. The LNP need to write down these policies and be accountable to them because it is the only way that we will actually know what it is the LNP stand for because everyone is still terribly confused.