



Speech By
Hon. Dr Steven Miles
MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA

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Consideration in Detail (Cognate Debate)

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State Development and Regional Industries Committee, Report

 **Hon. SJ MILES** (Murrumba—ALP) (Deputy Premier, Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure) (12.56 pm): I rise to welcome the tabling of the State Development and Regional Industries Committee report into the proposed budget appropriations for 2023-24. I note the recommendation from the committee that the proposed expenditure, as detailed in the Appropriation Bill for the committee's areas of responsibility, be agreed to by the Legislative Assembly without amendment.

I would like to thank the members of the committee for their work in examining the 2023 budget as it relates to my portfolio responsibilities. The committee's work plays an essential role in Queensland's democratic process. I would like to thank other members who participated and provided scrutiny of the estimates as well as the committee secretariat and other Parliamentary Service staff for their work.

This budget is a true Labor budget and a budget for all Queenslanders. Queensland is booming. Six million people will call the south-east home by 2046. Our economic strength combined with significant population growth provides the opportunity to invest in things that matter to Queenslanders, including providing cost-of-living relief to families and delivering improved services in health, housing and community safety.

The budget includes the biggest infrastructure build ever undertaken by a Queensland government. Queensland's Big Build is delivering new hospitals, roads, trains, schools and police stations and is supporting the delivery of more homes. We are investing \$89 billion over the next four years and most of it—65 per cent—will be spent outside of South-East Queensland in regional Queensland. Under this government funding for Queensland's health services has increased every single year. We are building seven satellite hospitals in South-East Queensland. Caboolture Satellite Hospital is operating, and the ones at Redlands and Ripley are due to open next week. We are increasing health spending by 9.6 per cent.

Queensland is embarking on the biggest decade of infrastructure delivery in our history which includes an investment in Queensland's future, in new industries and in jobs in the regions through our Energy and Jobs Plan. We know the world is shifting towards cleaner and more sustainable products

and services. That is why our budget includes an additional \$53 million to continue the highly successful Industry Partnership Program to grow priority industries that will contribute to decarbonisation. To address the impact of housing pressures we are providing additional funding to build critical infrastructure to unlock new residential blocks. Recently I announced an additional \$21.2 million to be released through our Catalyst Infrastructure Fund. That funding will support road and trunk upgrades at Greater Flagstone and Ripley Valley. Total infrastructure expenditure proposed by developers for Greater Flagstone and Ripley Valley is expected to facilitate around 59,000 lots.

This budget also includes the funding that is needed to start building venues for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We are leveraging the opportunities that Brisbane 2032 provides to deliver world-class infrastructure that will shape our state's future. Budgets are about choices and the Palaszczuk government has chosen to prioritise Queensland families and Queensland's future.