




Speech By  
**Hon. Dr Steven Miles**  
**MEMBER FOR MURRUMBA**

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## MOTION

### Infrastructure

 **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) (4.12 pm): I move—

That this House:

1. notes the LNP under the leadership of the member for Broadwater announced \$10 billion of cuts to Queensland's Big Build infrastructure program;
2. notes that the LNP has announced plans to create a new productivity commission to identify further cuts targeting transport, utilities and social infrastructure;
3. notes that the previous LNP government's commission of audit proposed \$5.5 billion worth of cuts, including reducing the Public Service by up to 14,000 full-time positions and recommended selling off Queensland's assets;
4. notes that the LNP Brisbane City Council administration recently announced \$400 million of cuts affecting Brisbane residents;
5. notes that cutting infrastructure will jeopardise jobs and leaves the state without the infrastructure it needs for a growing population;
6. commends the Palaszczuk government's 2023-24 budget which includes Queensland's Big Build, a record four-year, \$89 billion capital program supporting around 58,000 jobs in 2023-24;
7. calls on the federal government to provide Queensland its fair share of infrastructure funding; and
8. condemns the LNP opposition's plans for cuts.

The Palaszczuk government is transforming the state through Queensland's Big Build. We are investing \$89 billion over four years, and more than half of our investment is in regional Queensland. This year alone we are investing \$20 billion supporting around 58,000 good jobs. We are delivering record road and transport projects to keep our state moving. Our Big Build includes a record health capital investment through the Health and Hospitals Plan.

Our Big Build is delivering for Queensland, but it is at risk if the Leader of the Opposition gets the chance to implement his so-called 'right priorities'. He has announced that he would create a productivity commission that he says will identify further cuts targeting transport, utilities and social infrastructure. Queenslanders know what that means when the LNP says it. The last time they created a commission, it proposed \$5.5 billion of cuts and 14,000 public servants lost their jobs. Queenslanders know all too well what an LNP commission means: a blueprint, a razor gang, to cut, sack and sell services as well as infrastructure investment. It means a risk to jobs, our lifestyle and our Big Build.