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Federal Budget

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Oodgeroo—LNP) (8.57 pm): Just over a week ago, the Albanese government delivered their third budget. Despite RBA warnings and the clear evidence that the decisions of the Albanese Labor government are driving homegrown inflation, they handed down a true Labor budget—one that is big taxing, big spending, fails to tackle inflation, increases pressure on interest rates and cost of living, and hurts everyday Redlanders. Instead of restoring budget discipline, Labor has added \$315 billion of new spending at a time when some restraint was needed, digging a deeper inflationary hole. Under Labor, Australians are worse off. Despite the Treasurer's spin, prices are rising: housing is up 12 per cent, rents are up 12 per cent, insurance is up 26 per cent, electricity is up 18 per cent and the promise of \$275 off power bills was broken, and gas is up 25 per cent. Under Labor, spending has been out of control, putting upwards pressure on interest rates that have gone up 12 times.

Redlanders are experiencing cost-of-living pain and the federal Labor government does little to ease it in their budget. Under Labor, home ownership for many aspiring young Redlanders has become out of reach. A typical Redland household, already with a mortgage, is \$35,000 worse off. The federal budget did little in real terms to help young people to get into and to pay off their own homes. Under Labor, \$450 million was spent poorly on a divisive referendum instead of closing the real gaps. Sadly, Minister Enoch, the state member for Algeester, prefers to travel and spend large amounts of money on herself rather than build houses for the Quandamooka people on North Stradbroke Island to help close the gap.

In 10 years Labor has not identified a single Aboriginal home that it has built. While referring to Straddie, there was no funding in the federal budget for upgrading Dunwich Harbour as part of the SEQ City Deal. The upcoming state budget needs to put funding on the table for this project and build the Harold Walker Jetty, a simple marine project for under \$1.5 million that it still has not been able to build.

Under Labor, the cost-of-living crisis is deepening and now the federal government offers Australians a \$300 energy rebate. The state government's electricity rebate will plunge the state budget into the red by \$3 billion. The Queensland government has abandoned the forecast surplus on a last-ditch pre-election splurge to buy votes. Labor MPs wanted to cut the only Olympic venue out of the Redlands. Toondah Harbour was scuttled by Labor division. The Cleveland line duplication and busway have not happened. Show Labor the door in 2024.