




Speech By
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Budget

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.39 am): This afternoon, the Treasurer will deliver our government's first budget. This budget is about delivering for Queensland. It is the fresh start we promised. Since we came to government, we have been up-front and honest with Queenslanders. Labor hid cost blowouts and failed to fund critical services. We have been left with a lot of work to do to repair the budget, but we promised a calm and methodical approach and that is exactly what we have done. Structural reforms and long-term measures will provide certainty for Queenslanders and that is something that Labor never did. Our budget will respect taxpayers' money, just as we promised. Most importantly, it will be a budget that honours our commitments.

We promised easier access to healthcare services for every Queenslander. That is why our budget will make a record investment in health. It is part of our plan to ease Labor's health crisis and deliver more free health services. Our Hospital Rescue Plan will save hospitals right across Queensland. At hospitals like the Mater at Springfield, Labor promised to fully fund operational requirements but did not allocate a single dollar for critical services or staff. Our budget will fund the staff needed to deliver world-class health services where Queenslanders need them.

The budget will also focus on making our communities safer. We will back police by giving them the vital equipment they need to do their jobs. Labor ignored the desperate pleas of frontline officers for the equipment they needed. Paired with our Making Queensland Safer Laws, this investment will ensure police have the resources they need to turn the tide on Labor's youth crime crisis.

To help more Queenslanders find a place to call home, we have already axed a Labor tax and extended the first home owner grant. Our new Boost to Buy program will see us help more Queenslanders into home ownership. It will be a nation-leading program. Investment in the Residential Activation Fund will help activate more housing supply. A major boost to homelessness services and crisis accommodation will deliver more support to vulnerable Queenslanders.

We know cost of living remains a key issue for Queenslanders. We have already made 50-cent fares permanent, which is fully funded across the forwards and that is something that Labor never delivered. Some 60,000 kids will benefit from free health checks at kindy, which will help our youngest Queenslanders get the best possible start for their education. Our \$200 Play On! sport and active recreation vouchers will help keep kids active and take pressure off the household budget. We have expanded the program to cover both summer and winter sports. It will be shared across the state and it will be the largest investment ever made. Here is the interesting part: unlike the former Labor government, we have fully funded our program across the forwards.

When the 2025-26 budget is delivered later today, Queenslanders will see that our government is delivering exactly what we promised when we were elected. This budget will lay the foundations for the fresh start that Queenslanders deserve.