



Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**


**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

---

Record of Proceedings, 27 June 2025

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

**Budget**

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.37 am): This budget is about delivering for Queensland. It lays the foundation for the fresh start we promised Queenslanders at the election. I often speak about the major challenges facing our state following 10 years of Labor—the youth crime crisis, the cost-of-living crisis, the health crisis and the housing crisis. Our commitment to address these challenges is reflected in the 2025 budget. We are working to clean up the mess left behind by Labor.

Our government has a plan for our state's future across our cities and throughout rural and regional Queensland. The budget supports our state's future by creating more skilled jobs and opportunities for local manufacturers. We are investing in TAFE, delivering new facilities in Caloundra, the Redlands, Rockhampton and Moreton Bay. Also, \$10 million will provide free apprenticeships for under-25s, making trade training more accessible and affordable. New manufacturing hubs are funded in the Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba, just as we promised.

Our \$20 million Returning to Work package will help women transition back to the workforce. This funding will help remove the barriers for women coming back to work after having children, caring for family or recovering from sickness.

Primary industries are the backbone of rural and regional Queensland. The budget will help boost Queensland's primary production output to \$30 billion by 2030. We are helping to protect our primary producers by investing in biosecurity measures and preparing them for the future with funding for new technologies and innovation.

The \$100 million Country Roads Connect Program will boost the safety and resilience of our road network in regional Queensland. Investment in critical infrastructure like Paradise Dam will restore water security and support our farmers. We are also protecting our state's precious natural environment. Increased funding for natural management groups will help us protect critical biodiversity areas. Investment in programs like Zero Litter to the Bay and more Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service rangers will conserve our pristine environment.

To showcase Queensland to the world, the budget also provides funding for new ecotourism experiences. It is part of our 20-year tourism plan Destination 2045, which will drive more visitors, more events and more opportunities for our state. This budget commits more than \$1 billion to our tourism industry, driving jobs and economic growth over the years ahead.

Our budget gets the balance right. It takes a methodical approach to budget repair while delivering on our government's commitment to the people of Queensland. It is the fresh start Queenslanders deserve.