



Speech By Hon. David Crisafulli

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 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.37 am): Over the last 12 months our government has worked hard to deliver for Queensland. We came to government with a firm focus on the issues affecting Queenslanders—crime, health, housing and the cost of living. Those issues have remained at the heart of our work throughout this year. We always focus on Queenslanders. We will not be heard saying ‘politicking’, ‘media beat-up’, ‘making up stories’—they were weak comments from weak ministers.

We are working to make our community safer, driving down costs, restoring health services and planning for Queensland's future. Our government promised to bring safety to where Queenslanders live, and we are delivering on that commitment. We expanded Adult Crime, Adult Time to a total of 33 offences. Jack's Law is permanent, and already more than 400 weapons have been removed from our streets since July. Daniel's Law was passed, allowing the creation of the state's first public child sex offender register. We have empowered our police, and we are delivering more of them to the front line.

We have also taken action to ease cost-of-living pressures for Queenslanders. We are delivering infrastructure on time and on budget. We axed the patients tax, we made 50-cent fares permanent and supported families through Play On! and our Back to School Boost. Last night we passed the Energy Roadmap. This bill will deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queenslanders. Under our plan, Queensland households will avoid paying an extra \$1,035 a year, which was headed their way under Labor.

We provided a record investment to tackle the housing crisis to deliver one million homes by 2044, including 53,500 social and community homes. Labor's \$2 billion three-year Housing Investment Fund did not deliver a single Queenslander in a home—not one. Our nation-leading package for first home buyers has abolished stamp duty on new builds and introduced the Boost to Buy program. We want more Queenslanders to own their own home but we must activate supply. So we have accelerated the delivery of critical infrastructure through our \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund. At least 50 per cent of that fund will be invested across regional and remote areas. Over 98,000 new homes have been unlocked by the fund already.

We are also delivering the state's largest ever investment in hospital infrastructure through the Hospital Rescue Plan. The record \$33.1 billion health budget will ensure Queenslanders get access to better health closer to home. Our investment in Surgery Connect has delivered the biggest drop to the elective surgery waitlist in a decade. Over the last 12 months we have been steadfast in our commitment to Queenslanders, and this is just the beginning. We are a government delivering for Queensland and we will not go back to Labor's decade of decline.

Yesterday I joined Prime Minister Marape to sign a memorandum of understanding between Queensland and PNG. They are our closest neighbours—less than four kilometres separates Saibai

Island in the Torres Strait and Papua New Guinea. The MOU recognises the strong connection between our communities: trade, resources, health, education and sport—and sport. I thank the Prime Minister and the people of Papua New Guinea for their ongoing friendship and commitment, despite his gentle jibing over the Chiefs getting there first. The Cowboys are coming to an NRL game near you!

I would also like to acknowledge our friends in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Malaysia who are experiencing widespread destruction following severe flooding. Thousands have lost their lives and millions have been displaced. Queenslanders are all too familiar with the effects of severe weather and flooding. We are heading into our own disaster season, and it is a stark reminder of the damage that can be done. Our thoughts and prayers are with those impacted as they recover from this tragedy.