




Speech By
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 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (2.17 pm): We are continuing work on the Crisafulli government's first budget. It is an important step in the journey of restoring respect for taxpayers' money and returning a mature discussion as to how the budget works for Queenslanders, noting that the budget papers will never be used as an advertising gimmick. We are maintaining and growing services, much of which were left unfunded by the former Labor government, particularly in health and child safety.

For too long productivity has been ignored in Queensland. We will drive a culture of productivity through our re-established Productivity Commission and end Labor's culture of poorly scoped and mismanaged capital projects.

As Labor's last budget update revealed, Queensland's debt is forecast to reach \$218 billion in 2027-28 with the highest debt per capita in the nation, even more than in Victoria. Even with that record debt, Labor left services unfunded and public servants facing an uncertain future. As Labor's last budget update revealed, glossy brochures and media announcements do not fund the service delivery Queenslanders deserve. It will take time, but we will repair Labor's fiscal vandalism.

We are committed to maintaining and improving funding to support service delivery, guaranteeing employment security across the Public Service, and delivering on our election commitments. There will be many fake scare campaigns run by the opposition in the next month and beyond, but we will not be distracted by their untruths and misrepresentations. The challenge facing Queensland is too great, and the damage left by Labor too vast, to be distracted from what must be done.

Today I have written to the federal treasurer asking that the re-elected Albanese government reconsider our government's request to remedy the injustice of the Commonwealth Grants Commission, which saw fit to take \$2.4 billion—and more than \$5 billion across the forwards—from Queensland to prop up the poorly performing state governments of NSW and Victoria.

I again call on the federal Treasurer to confirm that he will quarantine the \$7.2 billion Bruce Highway payments from GST calculations. If the federal Treasurer fails to do so, a further \$3 billion will be lost to the Queensland people. Unlike those opposite, who went silent on 50-50 health funding as soon as the politics did not suit them and have been cowardly in their silence in fighting for Queensland's fair share of the GST, we will never relent in advocating for Queensland's fair share—regardless of the colour of the government in Canberra. Labor have left a mess. We have been clear as to the challenge that faces us and the budget, but we are up to the challenge.