



Speech By Hon. David Janetzki

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Hon. DC JANETZKI (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (9.42 am): Yesterday we laid the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland. It is the fresh start the people of Queensland voted for. Handing down the 2025-26 budget, the Crisafulli government did exactly what we said we would do, and it showed we are delivering for Queensland. Yesterday we laid the foundation for budget repair to clean up a decade of Labor's fiscal vandalism, while saving the jobs and services they did not budget for. We also invested in the future of our state—in the education, health and transport infrastructure Queenslanders need. We locked in the funding needed to fix the youth crime, housing, health and cost-of-living crises left behind by Labor.

Do not just take our word for it. Listen to what some of the state's industry leaders had to say about the Crisafulli government's first budget. P&Cs Queensland praised the Crisafulli government's commitment to education and cost-of-living measures, particularly the \$100 Back to School Boost, which they said would 'provide immediate relief for our struggling families'. The Queensland Council of Social Services noted our sensible cost-of-living measures and our commitment to deliver 'significant investment into specialist homelessness services and to build more social and affordable housing'. REIQ CEO Antonia Mercorella said our Boost to Buy home owner scheme was—

... a smart, timely step to match market conditions and help more Queenslanders achieve home ownership.

BDO welcomed the extension of the payroll tax rebate on wages paid to apprentices and trainees, which they said 'encourages job growth and investment in the apprentice and trainee workforce'. The Queensland Council of Unions welcomed the goal to grow the Public Service. The LGAQ welcomed our fulfilment of key election commitments and had particular praise for the \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund, which will help councils lay the pipes, footpaths and roads needed for housing construction. The Property Council praised our housing initiatives and added—

It is encouraging to see that, unlike in previous budgets, the property industry has not been burdened by new taxes or increases, and we applaud the Treasurer and government for this.

AMAQ CEO Nick Yim said it was welcome to see the Queensland government 'recognises the urgent need to invest in our health system' over the next year. Even great Australian actor David Wenham had praise for the budget, saying he was pleased and happy with the support for the state's film industry and arts sector. These reflections make us ever more determined to continue laying the foundation of this fresh start that we promised.