



Speech By  
**Hon. David Janetzki**


**MEMBER FOR TOOWOOMBA SOUTH**

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**Budget**

 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (10.02 am): Last sitting week I handed down the Crisafulli government's first budget. It is a budget that honours our election commitments and lays the foundation for a fresh start after a decade of fiscal vandalism under the former government. It is the perfect example of the contrast between 10 years of decline and 10 months of delivery.

The budget helps to ease the cost-of-living challenges facing Queenslanders; respects our public servants; funds services that would have ceased and jobs that would have ended under Labor; and saves infrastructure and projects that would have never been built. Our first budget invests in a stronger, more productive economy and lays the foundation for budget repair. Since June I have travelled the length and breadth of the state to share the importance of the budget with Queenslanders and to listen to them.

The government has been hard at work delivering for Queensland. We have acquired the Lockyer Energy Project from Quinbrook Infrastructure Partners, with stage 1 including up to 120 megawatts of gas-fired generation and the potential for up to a further 850 megawatts of capacity in stage 2. It is part of a \$5 billion investment from government owned corporations across the energy supply chain.

Our boost to the Electricity Maintenance Guarantee from \$1.4 billion to \$1.6 billion is backing an \$80 million overhaul of the C3 unit at Callide Power Station, one of the biggest maintenance projects in the state's history, after years of neglect by Labor. Round 1 of the Crisafulli government's Residential Activation Fund, doubled to \$1 billion in the budget, is unlocking the construction of thousands of new homes in all corners of the state. We fast-tracked restoration works for the Bribie Island breakthrough.

Since the Crisafulli LNP government's permanent 50-cent fares were introduced in February—

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! I cannot hear the Treasurer. Order!

**Mr JANETZKI:**—this key cost-of-living measure, fully funded by the Crisafulli government, has delivered savings to Queenslanders of almost \$200 million. Demand for the Crisafulli government's Play On! sports vouchers has been enormous since applications opened this month, with our \$200 vouchers helping Queensland families with the cost of their kids' sport.

Our Country Roads Connect program is investing \$100 million in upgrades to regional Queensland roads, funding upgrades to 22 projects to missing connection links and improving resilience along our rural and regional routes.

We are investing \$412 million in 2025-26 to start work on the historic \$9 billion Bruce Highway upgrade, with a dedicated program management office set up as part of the budget to oversee the safety upgrades.

The budget is delivering a boost for trades training in Central Queensland with a new TAFE excellence precinct being constructed in Rockhampton, funded with \$61.1 million over three years.

We are investing \$39.2 million in 53 diverse arts and cultural companies and festivals, supporting the arts sector and delivering engaging experiences for audiences across the state no matter where they may be.

I am pleased to say that cranes are now dominating the skyline at the Toowoomba Hospital, with work well underway to deliver a new hospital—as was promised—for the Darling Downs. We are building the hospital that Toowoomba deserves and was promised, something that never would have happened under those opposite.

These are just some of the many projects contained in the budget that demonstrate how the Crisafulli government is delivering. It is a budget that sets the foundation for a fresh start for Queensland.