



Speech By  
**Hon. David Janetzki**


**MEMBER FOR TOOWOOMBA SOUTH**

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 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (9.53 am): The Crisafulli government is doing everything it can to ensure patients receive the health care they need and deserve, however funding for the NDIS and aged care is the responsibility of the Albanese government. It must fix a critical shortage of aged and disability care beds. These are Queenslanders occupying beds in hospital and health services who have been medically cleared for discharge but remain in hospital. More than 1,000 Queenslanders are currently stranded in hospitals. That is a hospital the size of the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital out of our system every day. There are 85 stranded patients occupying beds in Townsville health and hospital facilities, 64 on the Gold Coast, 102 on the Darling Downs, 109 in the Far North, 74 on the Sunshine Coast and 90 stranded patients in Wide Bay hospital and health facilities. The Albanese government must do their job.

It is the same with the GST. In the last decade, the national GST pool has grown by 75 per cent, while Queensland's GST revenue has only grown 28 per cent. To contrast, New South Wales GST revenue grew 58 per cent, Victoria 118 per cent and Western Australia 317 per cent. It means in real terms Queensland will receive less GST revenue in 2025-26 than it did in 2015-16, despite the growing national GST pool and the increase in Queensland's need.

The current federal Productivity Commission inquiry into GST revenue, which began in September, was the Albanese government's opportunity to right this wrong. However, the terms of reference issued by that government and federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers has been severely narrowed from those which were unanimously agreed to by all state and territory treasurers, and the inquiry will no longer take the holistic view needed to drive national productivity and provide a truly fair distribution of revenue between the states.

The Commonwealth has restricted its review to the operation of the 2018 legislation and does not include an evaluation of how the broader GST system impacts outcomes. Given the confined terms of reference for the federal review, today I announce I have directed the Queensland Productivity Commission to analyse and assess the economic impacts of Australia's GST distribution system on Queensland and the implications for the state to deliver essential services and infrastructure. Queensland will once again do the heavy lifting. I am going to table those terms of reference for the benefit of the House.

*Tabled paper:* Queensland Productivity Commission Act 2025: Section 38, Direction to provide advice regarding the Economic Impacts of Australia's GST Distribution System on Queensland [1790](#).

How can a methodology be fair if it creates fiscal disincentives for states to make good policy decisions and support industries like gas and coal that build national wealth? How can the federal Albanese government abandon the original intent of the GST and fail to recognise the unique challenges posed by Queensland's decentralised population? If the Albanese government and Jim Chalmers will

not ask the right questions of their Productivity Commission, we will ask the right questions of ours. If the Albanese government, Jim Chalmers and those opposite will not fight for Queensland's interests then we will on this side of the House. If those opposite just bow down to their mates in Canberra then we will stand tall for the interests of all Queenslanders.