




Speech By
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 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (2.13 pm): In failing to fairly fund our health system the Albanese government is leaving older Queenslanders stuck in hospitals while waiting for aged-care packages. While the Prime Minister might want Queensland to shut its emergency room doors, a report commissioned by the Board of Treasurers—all state and territory treasurers—and conducted by Stephen Duckett, is clear about the financial realities of our health system. The Albanese government's failure to save stranded patients is one of the main drivers of increased costs and is, to quote the report, impairing the productivity of public hospitals to deliver core acute services. Canberra must turn up with a deal that lives up to their national cabinet commitment and gets older Queenslanders into the care they deserve.

Health funding is not the only way Canberra is short-changing Queenslanders, however. As reported in the *Australian* today, the Queensland Productivity Commission will do what the federal Productivity Commission review will not. It will examine the broader implications of the GST carve-up on the government's ability to deliver services across our decentralised state. We need our fair share of the GST to support the delivery of services as we deliver cost-of-living relief to support Queenslanders.

The Crisafulli government is committed to targeted and timely, recurrent and responsible cost-of-living support. The concession package we included as part of our first budget was the single largest recurrent investment into cost-of-living support in our state's history. Our initiatives are fully funded and permanently delivered. We have \$62 million for the Play On! sports vouchers program every year for the next four years. Under Labor it would have stopped on 1 July. We have lifted Labor's indexation freeze on the vulnerable household electricity rebate. Then there is the Crisafulli government's permanent 50-cent fares. Those opposite never planned to extend it beyond six months but we have locked it in permanently. The proof is in print. It is not in a social media post the opposition leader can take down an hour later; it is in the budget papers forever. The proof is in the print: page 179 of Budget Paper No. 4 from 2024-25—

Public Transport Temporary Fare Reduction.

The government is implementing a temporary fare reduction across the South East Queensland public transport network and on contracted regional bus services for 6 months.

That was their language in their budget. It is the same story for the former Labor government's \$1,000 energy rebates and their 20 per cent temporary car rego discount. Their budget papers put the future of their measures in black and white and I will quote it again: in their budget papers it states the new and expanded cost-of-living measures are temporary. Read all about it on page 132 of Budget Paper No. 2. That is their record and it was always their intention. No matter how many times they try to rewrite history, their own budget papers are timeless and reveal the reality behind their consistent mistruths.

Our cost-of-living support is real and targeted: \$1.6 billion in the Electricity Maintenance Guarantee, Labor's patients tax gone and let us not forget the \$100 Back to School Boost for the new school year. That is our record: targeted and timely, recurrent and responsible and, above all, permanent.