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 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (10.24 am): The first bill I introduced into this parliament was to establish an independent Queensland Productivity Commission. That is, of course, after Labor axed it, then voted against its return, because they do not care about productivity as evidenced by flagging productivity not only in Queensland but also across the nation. Now the proof is in. The QPC's definitive 458-page report into construction productivity outlines the productivity decline under Labor and the consequences for Queensland: higher rents, delays and cost blowouts on major projects and 77,000 fewer homes constructed—all because under Labor construction productivity dropped nine per cent since 2018. Labor's BPICs meant millions of small and family businesses were shut out from major projects, while the CFMEU indulged Labor's excesses without improved quality and safety outcomes. The QPC found that if BPIC had continued it would have cost the Queensland community up to \$20.6 billion by the end of the decade.

The recommendations cover a wide breadth of policy areas and will require a whole-of-government approach. We have already acted to reform procurement, build skills, slash red tape, transform manufacturing and investigate misconduct in the CFMEU through the Wood commission of inquiry. The QPC report and the government's response have been roundly praised by industry. The Property Council said it was a 'turning point for Queensland's property and construction sector as it strived to respond to the housing crisis'. Civil Contractors Federation Queensland praised the government's focus on productivity and said 'productivity in civil construction is ultimately the driving force of better value for money for taxpayers, higher wages for workers and more prosperous businesses'. QREC said permanently removing BPIC would 'help ensure renewable energy projects, once approved, can be delivered more quickly, efficiently and at lower cost'. UDIA Queensland said the comprehensive report 'pinpointed the many factors which are challenging our industry to deliver homes and jobs at scale and pace'.

The Crisafulli government is delivering a place to call home for more Queenslanders through key initiatives, whether it be the Land Activation Program, the \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund, extending the \$30,000 first home owner grant or the Crisafulli government's nation-leading Boost to Buy home ownership scheme. Under Labor, productivity fell and the housing pressures were created, but we are turning things around and delivering more Queenslanders a place to call home.