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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL; APPROPRIATION BILL; REVENUE
AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL**

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (2.30 pm): The member for Kawana must be devastated there are so many incorporations because he is on the record as being totally against it in principle. I feel for the member for Kawana. He is up in his room gnashing his teeth saying, 'Why do you do it? Why?'

Government members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Whiting): Order, members on my right!

Mr POWER: This budget is a typical LNP budget of broken promises, record deficits and blowouts. It is the end of budget transparency; it is about hiding their agenda. The Premier said, 'When I say something, I mean it.' That died with the introduction of this budget. I want to talk members through the arguments. There were so many promises discarded, cuts, delays and failures. I represent the fastest growing area of Queensland. I want to see a government that backs and supports those young families moving in there. Instead, when it comes to the cost of living we see rego go up by a record amount. There is no contribution for those young families to get help with their electricity rebates—nothing. Instead, those people were cast away.

The LNP, now led by the Premier, made big promises in his right-wing priorities document, telling people they would make investments in health. Most people in Logan naturally assumed that meant they would back Labor's plan for the Yarrabilba satellite hospital, including an urgent care clinic and other tailored services, especially for the families of Yarrabilba, Logan Village, Tambourine and Stockleigh. However, when deciding which Labor announcements to keep or cut, this one was cut by the LNP. Apparently, the words 'better health where you need it' from Premier Crisafulli did not have much meaning at all. He also said, 'When I say something, I mean it.' Tell that to the families of Yarrabilba.

In his budget documents, the police minister said that he was going to buy land for a police station in Yarrabilba. That sounds good. Do you guys support that? I hear very little support for that. They have probably already worked out why. Under previous ministers there was an agreement that the developer would give the state the very land underneath the Yarrabilba police station, so he is promising to buy something they are going to be given for free. This has been budgeted. The people of Yarrabilba expect no less than this money to be immediately transferred for the construction of the Yarrabilba police station. I will be starting a petition to ensure that money is transferred across. He has no idea what he is doing with the budget. He claimed he was buying a property they already have an entitlement to. Either way, they are misleading the people of Logan.

Speaking of Yarrabilba, the LNP candidate put up corflutes saying that an LNP government would build a second exit; however, the developer was in the process of building a connection to Waterford-Tambourine Road. Promises are promises, Minister for Main Roads. I insist that, if your candidate said something, you mean it. However, there is nothing in QTRIP to help the people of Yarrabilba, and they will be left waiting again.

Speaking of roads, many believed the LNP candidate when he put up a sign saying the LNP would fix Park Ridge Road. They put up giant signs on the corner of Hubner and Park Ridge roads—and other places on Park Ridge Road—saying, ‘LNP upgrade Park Ridge Road now’. This was to help both the Logan LNP candidate and the Waterford candidate. Ironically, the LNP candidate for Waterford, Councillor Jacob Heremaia—known as the councillor on leave for Park Ridge Road—had been responsible for the failure of council to improve the road despite thousands of new residents. Unfortunately, in this QTRIP budget there is nothing for the LNP part-time councillor and part-time candidate. This is yet again another broken LNP promise.

QTRIP has also mysteriously cut—at least, from the document—the Camp Cable Road and Edelsten Road upgrade. I want to read from the front of QTRIP where the minister said—

... the new QTRIP layout categorises investments by ‘Planned Investments’ or ‘Contractually Committed Investments’, with budgets only displayed for investments that have achieved contract award.

It is pretty easy to be on time and on budget if you do not put out a budget and you do not put out a timetable. That makes it a bit easier to meet no goals—because he sets no goals. This is an absolute breach of his KPIs. That is what he said. In last year’s budget there was quite clearly—I table it—funding for the Camp Cable Road and Edelsten Road intersection improvement, but in this QTRIP it does not appear at all.

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Mr Ryan: The same thing happened to Morayfield Road.

Mr POWER: The same thing happened to Morayfield Road. They are disappearing projects. I had to send people out this morning to find it. Has the minister disappeared the project? No, it is under construction, thanks to Labor. The minister cannot be bothered putting it in the budget. Does that mean next week he is going to close down these vital safety projects that Labor put in place? We have no idea because QTRIP hides their priorities. It ends their transparency.

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, member for Buderim!

Mr POWER: I inform the House that, in the last 30 years, no LNP mains road minister has ever made an investment in the Mount Lindesay Highway in the busiest section between the Logan Motorway and Jimboomba. I thought, ‘Great, we have a new minister. Here is their opportunity.’

Mr Mickelberg interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Member for Buderim, I will direct you to cease your interjections or you will end up on the warning list. There is a bit of cross-chamber chatter happening. Let’s not have that.

Mr POWER: The Minister for Main Roads is once again screaming. We know that the Premier had to come into this House and tell him off. He told him to settle down and show some respect. We are not likely to see that, because he continues the no funding record of previous LNP ministers.

I am glad that, like last time, they did not cut a project that was under construction. We still have some funding for the Johanna Street to South Street four-laning to Jimboomba. They probably would have cut it, but so much funding has come in from the Albanese Labor government that the minister probably thought, ‘I’ll get into trouble and I can’t.’ That is probably the only reason the minister has not cut it.

The terrible news is that QTRIP, in the Main Roads budget document, usually outlines projects for the next four years, and there is absolutely no investment in construction on the Mount Lindesay Highway between Boronia Heights and Jimboomba. Nothing. The LNP main roads ministers have extended their record of zero construction between Boronia Heights and Jimboomba. I see the previous minister here, who was the one who fought to make the road a priority. I recognise that that minister cared about the people on the Mount Lindesay Highway all the way through to Jimboomba and beyond, but we see nothing for the people of Jimboomba from this minister.

I want to see them invest in Green Road and Fedrick Street. Their candidate made a promise that by now they would have lodged a design for community consultation. That deadline has already passed, yet we see nothing from the minister whatsoever. It is a great disappointment, because that road has major congestion and we want to see the concept plans. I do note that there is a business case for North Maclean to Camp Cable Road. That is a decent thing but I will force them to get money in the budget. I will force this minister, despite his wishes, to be the first in 30 years to make that investment.

I was a high school teacher and education is really important to me, so I am pleased to see that the site we bought for the Logan Reserve-Chambers Flat high school and special school has not been abandoned. It is good to see that there is some investment. However, it is a bit disappointing that only 15 per cent of that budget is expected to be expended in 2025. If they are only spending 15 per cent a year and it is not clear what is happening after that, how long will it be before high school students and special school students will actually get to use the schools? This is what I fought for, but Logan families cannot plan because of this government's secrecy on this issue. I brought this up with the minister when he visited Corymbia. He was cutting the ribbon for a school that was planned, built and all but opened by the Labor government. He was being trooped in to cut the ribbon and pretend he had something to do with it.

On the other side in the Everleigh estate, there is no announcement about the site for the future Everleigh state high school. This was our opportunity to buy the site that we had fought so hard to identify and secure directly from the primary school. Again, we need certainty for local families in Park Ridge and Greenbank. Tell us when we can expect the new high school. The member for Jordan and I presented a petition to the education minister recently urging him to buy this site, and he attacked us in the newspaper for doing so. We see nothing in this budget.

I do not have time to go through all of the broken local promises in this budget, but I need to turn to the broken promises in the mines, energy and resources sector. Firstly, we should not forget that the mines minister told some coalminers that they would abolish the progressive coal royalties. When asked by a QRC member to address the elephant in the room and axe the tiered coal royalties, Mr Last said the government was considering a model 'that meets everyone's expectations'. Let us never forget that the Premier told the coalminers that 'wink, wink, you can take my promises to the bank'—and 'promises' was spelt with two dollar signs. However, we know now that they were really before-the-budget friends; it was one of those types of friendships with those mates you cannot rely on. They are caught out now walking on both sides of the street on this issue.

The mines minister then promised the industry that he would restore what I thought was the hopelessly outdated model of the wardens court. Most in the industry did not think this was a good idea, and I am sure others in cabinet were told that. This has now been squashed and, instead, they are trying to cover their shame and broken promise—even though it was not a good promise—with the AG renaming a coroner with no different powers. It certainly remains a broken promise—however unwanted—to the industry. Despite promising to continue funding, there is not a continuing line item for natural hydrogen exploration. It is possible that the \$4 million budget has been rolled in with another item but, even then, deprioritising this project in 2025—because it was a multiyear project under Labor—is yet another Crisafulli government broken promise.

There is good news with the Queensland Resources Common User Facility because they are continuing the funding, even with some increases. I will give him a small amount of credit, but this is a project that recognises the good work of former minister Scott Stewart that will help a lot of the smaller miners prove and commercialise their project. That is something I support; that is something that Labor built. Only Labor supports the mining industry by getting good, safer jobs and building new industries in areas like critical minerals, natural hydrogen and a fair return through progressive coal royalties. That is what brings community support for the industry—not the divisive things the minister is currently involved in.

This is a bad budget. I did not have time to go through all the broken promises, and I did not have time to go through all the things that are regressive. This is a bad budget by a bumbling Treasurer—a budget that blows away the cost-of-living support for millions of Queenslanders. It is a budget that makes it harder for Logan residents to get ahead.

Mr Hunt interjected.

Mr POWER: You are right; it makes it harder for Logan residents to get ahead. We heard the government talk such a big game on reducing debt, but instead we see them indebting Queenslanders \$205 billion by 2028, including \$8 billion this year. This is something where they have nothing to stand on. The positive projects they are continuing are overwhelmingly Labor projects. In previous years, LNP members would see Labor continuing projects and they would talk them down. This year we see something different: every single LNP member is pretending that the projects that were put in place and budgeted for by Labor are fantastic projects, like they somehow own them—just like the education minister cutting the ribbon at Corymbia State School, somewhere he had zero involvement, but then not putting the funding in place for schools like Everleigh State School.

This is a bad budget by a bumbling Treasurer and a government that is all about politics rather than the good of Queensland. The government had these budget documents that they painted blue, not because they love New South Wales—at least I hope not—but because they love their political party above the interests of the people of Queensland.