



Speech By  
**Hon. David Janetzki**

**MEMBER FOR TOOWOOMBA SOUTH**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **GST Distribution**

 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (2.35 pm): I rise to update the House on the ongoing efforts of the Crisafulli government to secure a fairer share of GST revenue for Queenslanders. The issue of GST distribution is fundamentally about fairness and the capacity of state governments to deliver services that Queenslanders rely on—from hospitals and schools to roads and regional services. Frankly, under the current GST distribution model, Queensland is being short-changed. Despite strong population growth, increasing service demands and robust economic contributions, our share of the GST has failed to keep pace. While the national GST pool has grown 75 per cent over the last decade, Queensland's share has only grown by 28 per cent. This is well behind other states: New South Wales, 58 per cent; Victoria, 118 per cent; and Western Australia, 317 per cent up. It is time Queensland got its fair share. We have consistently called on federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers to ensure GST distribution recognises Queensland's growth, decentralisation and contribution to the national economy. Our numerous call-outs to federal Treasurer Chalmers and those opposite urging them to do the right thing by Queensland and in the national interest have been ignored.

In the year since the decision was made to strip Queensland of \$2.3 billion in GST revenue, those opposite have had nothing to say. Nothing at all about Queensland being ripped off. Has the Leader of the Opposition bothered to pick up the phone and speak to Jim Chalmers? I heard the Deputy Premier speak favourably of another member in Logan—has the deputy opposition leader bothered to pick up the phone and speak with his next door neighbour in his electorate office, Jim Chalmers, about Queensland being ripped off? The answer is no, because they will always bow down to their Labor mates in Canberra rather than standing up for Queenslanders here at home. Our submission to the federal Productivity Commission's review of GST distribution reforms will raise the prospect of a Canada-style discount to mining related revenue when GST distributions are calculated. States should not be penalised for their contribution to industries that drive national wealth, but, under the existing methodology, that is exactly what happens. States that support the growth of our resources industries are penalised, with royalty revenues redistributed to states which ban or restrict exploration.

Western Australia, of course, has its sweetheart deal. There are other ways to provide support to Western Australia but in a fair and consistent manner nationally and at lower cost to the Commonwealth. In Canada's equivalent system, a 50 per cent discount to mining related revenue is applied. The 2018 Western Australian GST deal is equivalent to a discount of 40 to 50 per cent, but despite also having a significant mining sector Queensland receives no benefit. I want to echo the comments made by the Premier to the National Press Club last month. He said this was not about west versus east, this is about a GST distribution system that encourages states to grow industries that serve the national interest instead of being penalised for that decision. As the Premier pointed out, the methodology used to calculate GST distribution has left us short when it comes to our decentralised state.

We will continue to engage constructively with the federal Productivity Commission review while, in the meantime, the Queensland Productivity Commission reviews the economic impacts of the current GST redistribution system. This side of the House will continue to champion sensible reform in favour of fairness, sustainability and equity for Queensland taxpayers. While the Labor Party bows down to their mates in Canberra, the Crisafulli government is standing up for Queenslanders on this fundamental question of fairness.