

Speech By

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REVENUE (COST OF LIVING RELIEF LOCKED-IN LAW) AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL

Mr BOOTHMAN (Theodore—LNP) (7.32 pm): I rise to contribute to the cognate debate on the second budget delivered by the Crisafulli government—a budget that has listened to Queenslanders, a budget that deals with the needs of Queenslanders today. It is a budget that those opposite, deep down, love. They may not admit it, but they love it. Throughout all of today and yesterday they have been lamenting their inaction and wastefulness over the past 10 years—their decade in power where they did nothing.

This budget delivers for my electorate of Theodore, the northern Gold Coast. It is a wonderful budget which will deliver on the Hospital Rescue Plan and our health system, getting our hospitals back on track, including the Coomera Hospital, a critically important hospital in our region. We are building the hospital the region needs, not the half-baked hospital the Labor Party promised. We will build a hospital that the community needs to accommodate the growth of the northern Gold Coast. It is critically important that we stick to these plans because the northern Gold Coast is one of the fastest growing regions in the country.

Our local schools will see a big windfall from this budget. Coomera State School will see enhancements to its outdoor learning and play area—a beautiful little piece of infrastructure that will be great for this school which has been begging for some revitalisation. We will deliver the outdoor learning centre that Helensvale State School has been seeking for such a long time. Parklake State School will finally have air-conditioning installed in their school hall. Anybody who goes to that school knows that we do not get sea breezes, as former minister for education Kate Jones once said. It is very hot out the back of the Gold Coast.

Upper Coomera State College's STEM program is leading in this state. The budget will see a major investment in its program that will put Upper Coomera State College on the map and will showcase what we can do in STEM programs in our local schools. These investments will build on the educational outcomes our local schoolkids and students deserve and which the school is passionate about. Naomi who works at the school is over the moon because this is something the school has been asking for over such a long time, to make this school stand out from other schools. I thank the school community for getting behind this project and giving us the wings to make it happen. This would never happen without the Crisafulli government putting the money forward and delivering these types of projects for our community.

We are giving the Pacific Pines AFL Club a million dollars to upgrade their facilities to attract more female players as the club continues to grow strongly. The Coomera Colts Soccer Club will benefit from our investment into a new clubhouse canteen—something they have been asking for so that they can sell food on their game days and make money for their club.

When those opposite were in government, they did not care about the northern Gold Coast. I want to highlight to the member for Gaven that we are investing $2 million towards the upgrade of the Binstead Way intersection. Anyone who lives in that area will know that Binstead Way is a major bottleneck. The Crisafulli government is putting money on the table to get the planning underway so we can find a solution to this issue. As I say, everybody across the whole region knows that Binstead Way is a traffic quagmire in both the morning and the afternoon, and it desperately needs fixing.

The Oxenford Men's Shed has fought hard for 10 years for funding for a replacement shed—a new home. Les, Graham, Keith and the crew down there have been so patient. The Crisafulli government is putting a million dollars on the table to get this project up and running. Council is ready to start building. All of the design work is done. It is not only the men who have wanted this but also the ladies as they host a ladies day there, too. It is a great idea bringing the ladies into the shed. In the very near future, the Oxenford Men's Shed will be building a new fit-for-purpose shed for the benefit of generations to come. The Crisafulli government is delivering for the northern Gold Coast.