



Speech By  
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 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.07 pm): The member for Bancroft may carry on about the Turnbull government, but imagine if Bill Shorten becomes the prime minister of this nation! You can imagine the significant risks to the Australian economy. We would have absolute chaos, higher debt and deficit under a Shorten led Labor government in Canberra.

Those opposite should concentrate on the upcoming state budget. In the next few months the Labor Palaszczuk government really needs to implement an integrated road and public transport plan in the western suburbs of Brisbane. In my electorate of Moggill there is increasing road congestion, which has been significant for a long period of time. Labor has been in power for 24 of the past 29 years, yet it has had no plans for the western suburbs of Brisbane. It needs to look at this urgently, to concentrate on traffic congestion not only in Moggill but also in the other electorates in the western suburbs, design solutions and then implement funding collaboratively with other levels of government to resolve these issues.

Labor also needs to work on educational infrastructure, particularly in relation to Kenmore State High School's infrastructure master plan. Parents, students, teachers and members of the P&C and the school council constantly talk to me about the need for an investment in Kenmore State High School's infrastructure master plan. We also have primary schools in urgent need of an infrastructure investment. There is also a need for an additional high school which services suburbs in not only the Moggill electorate but also the Ipswich West electorate. I know that the Labor member for Ipswich West supports that.

There are cost-of-living pressures related to electricity, car registration, fuel, food, health and education. There are real concerns about the five new taxes that the Labor government is implementing here in Queensland. There are also concerns about jobs. The Palaszczuk Labor government can talk about 'jobs, jobs, jobs', but with an unemployment rate in Queensland of 6.2 per cent we certainly need greater plans to deal with this.

In my remaining time I want to return to the topic of the federal coalition government. This week I have heard the Deputy Premier talk about remote Indigenous housing. The Deputy Premier needs to stop playing politics with Indigenous remote housing and negotiate with the Commonwealth in good faith, because the federal coalition government has invested \$1.3 billion in Queensland through the Remote Housing Strategy over the last decade. Rather than the Deputy Premier coming in here and tabling Facebook posts in a puerile and facile manner, the Deputy Premier needs to negotiate with the Commonwealth. The Queensland state Labor government needs to step up, like the Northern Territory, and negotiate with the Commonwealth. Rather than picking fights with the federal coalition government, we need collaborative work between our state Labor government and the Commonwealth to deliver for remote housing.