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Moggill Electorate

 **Dr ROWAN** (Moggill—LNP) (2.39 pm): In my electorate of Moggill the Labor government is failing to invest in infrastructure or plan for the future. An integrated road and public transport plan is urgently need to resolve traffic congestion. An additional high school to service the residents of Karana Downs, Mount Crosby, Lake Manchester and other suburbs is absolutely needed. These suburbs also need an investment in public transport. I say this to the Palaszczuk Labor government: stop talking and start acting on infrastructure in the western suburbs of Brisbane. The Palaszczuk Labor government is incapable of bringing forward a fair legislative agenda for the benefit of all Queenslanders. The Palaszczuk Labor government is hopelessly incapable of balancing economic development with sound environmental protections and conservation for all. Queensland has a do-nothing Labor government. It is a do-nothing government on the economy, with no credible vision or plan for infrastructure or strategy for Queensland. As such, inertia continues to grip the state's economy.

Cross River Rail under the Deputy Premier is absolutely stalled. It is simply not true to say, as the Deputy Premier does, that it is shovel ready. Cross River Rail under Labor is hopelessly stalled. It is off track—just like Labor's rail-fail debacle in South-East Queensland. Labor plans to slug Queenslanders with secret taxes to raise billions of dollars for its delayed Cross River Rail project. The Labor government wants a carbon tax which will increase cost-of-living pressures and harm business. Queensland's construction industry continues to endure the full impact of the Palaszczuk Labor government's anti development policies, with building approvals across Queensland in free fall. Building approvals in Queensland have decreased by 38 per cent since January 2016. We also know that private infrastructure investment fell by \$4.7 billion last year in Queensland. Major regional centres like Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg are struggling with significant increases in youth unemployment and falling participation rates as a result of this government's failed jobs policies.

Cairns youth unemployment is at 24.4 per cent, Wide Bay youth unemployment is at 24.5 per cent and outback Queensland's youth unemployment is at 36.6 per cent. The LNP has a \$100 million Get Queensland Working program to fix Labor's youth unemployment crisis. This is a government of all talk and no action. It is a do-nothing government. This is also a government that is soft on crime, that empowers and will always acquiesce to criminal gangs. We have seen the Premier's hysterical past attempts to demonise the federal immigration minister, the Hon. Peter Dutton MP. Her previous attacks on him were unwarranted and unjustified and were payback by the Premier for Peter Dutton's warning about the Palaszczuk government's undermining of the national task force targeting bikie gangs known as Operation Morpheus. It is time that the Palaszczuk Labor government started doing things in Queensland and not simply talking.