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Mr TED O'BRIEN (Fairfax) (13:47): A lot of people say that politics is all about managing expectations. When the Premier of Queensland, Annastacia Palaszczuk, was elected, the expectations were very low. In fact, the Queensland people expected very little of this Queensland Labor government—and this Queensland Labor government have met expectations by delivering absolutely nothing. It is only of late that the Queensland Labor government has started to make some decisions. Their first decision of late was almost killing the Adani deal. Why did they do that? To protect their Deputy Premier, who is a union heavy, from being beaten by the Greens.

In 45 minutes from now, the Queensland Treasurer will stand up and table that government's budget. Let us wait. Will they deliver for the Deputy Premier by committing to the Cross River Rail, or will they deliver for the people of Queensland? Will they only protect their socialist unionist mates, or will they deliver for the people of Queensland who need jobs? I am calling on the Treasurer of Queensland to announce tonight a full commitment to the duplicated rail line all the way up the north coast to Nambour, and to commit 20 per cent of our commitment of \$530 million to the Bruce Highway, and of \$120 million to Deception Bay. Then, they will deliver for Queensland. *(Time expired)*