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FOREWORD

As the country enters its third year of the COVID-19 pandemic, residents of Brisbane's Northside reflect the challenges and concerns facing all Australians. As the Federal Member for Lilley, I represent the more than 155,000 people living in my electorate who are seeking a commitment from the Federal Government to fund local infrastructure projects which would deliver new jobs and boost economic activity in our region.

While Australia's population growth has stalled due to closed international borders, Greater Brisbane continues to draw more and more residents due to interstate migration. In 2019/20 Brisbane recorded the highest population growth rate of all Australian capital cities at 1.9 per cent. In 2021, despite extended COVID lockdowns in Victoria and New South Wales, more than 30,000 new residents called Queensland home. This significant population influx has created increased competition for residential property, both to rent and to buy, and increased competition for local jobs. Over the past 12 months, median house prices have increased by over 38 per cent in Lilley suburbs of Aspley (38.9%), Kedron (38.2%), Wavell Heights (39%), Stafford (39%) and Geebung (38.3%). Also in 2021, rental prices increased by over 10 per cent in the Lilley suburbs of Aspley (11.6%), Zillmere (10.5%) and Deagon (10.5%). Significant rental increases were also experienced in Brighton (8.2%), Everton Park (9.6%), and Wavell Heights (9.9%). In my community, these cost-of-living pressures are combining with greater competition not only for dwellings, but for employment.

Throughout my engagement with the Lilley community over the past year, via over 62 mobile offices and other activities, constituents have repeatedly expressed their desire for secure, well-paid employment. The pandemic has highlighted the thousands of northside workers in insecure work. These workers were most severely impacted by the pandemic because they had no safety net - no annual leave, no sick pay, no holiday pay, no family leave.

To identify funding gaps in local infrastructure and our local community projects, which will create new jobs on the Northside and boost our local economy, I sent a survey to every household in Lilley in January. The responses I have received from this survey, from my constituents in Lilley, in addition to feedback I've received by conducting mobile offices across every suburb and at community events across the electorate, have been used to inform the 2022-23 Lilley budget submission.

This is a budget submission by the people of Lilley for the people of Lilley.



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MARCH 2022 BUDGET PRIORITIES – ELECTORATE OF LILLEY

SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COMMONWEALTH REQUEST
Mayne Juniors Australian football club	Nundah's Oxenham Park is home to the Mayne Tigers Junior Australian Football Club which boasts 120 Auskick participants and 242 footballers of both genders feeding into one of Queensland's strongest senior football sides. Female sport is set to benefit from the project with the proposed upgrade ensuring that Oxenham Park's facilities improved the player experience with female-friendly facilities suitable for modern participants. The proposed work would include new changerooms, storage and spectator facilities to be built on Oval 2. The club shares the ground with Toombul Cricket Club.	\$1 million
New clubhouse for Brisbane Netball Association Chermside	In 2021, the Brisbane Netball Association at Chermside celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the club's formation in 1971. The BNA is home to over 900 junior and senior netball players and the increasing maintenance of its ageing clubhouse facility is a constant drain on the association's resources. A new facility is needed to meet the association's current and future needs.	\$3 million
New changerooms for Zillmere Eagles Australian Football Club	The Zillmere Eagles Australian Rules Football Club was established in 1924. The community-based club caters for junior and senior players, male and female. Current facilities are at least 50 years old and are a significant barrier to participation in sport for women and girls. Upgraded changeroom facilities are vital to the long-term strategic vision of the club.	\$1 million
Sandgate-Redcliffe Cricket Club Sandgate female facilities	The Club first fielded a Women's Cricket side in the 1995/96 season. Since that time, the club has produced a number of representative players between 1997 and 2020 at the State and National level. The rise in popularity of women's cricket necessitates the upgrade of female-friendly facilities at the Gators	\$800,000
Brighton Roosters Rugby League female facilities	This family-oriented rugby league club has been part of the local community for more than 50 years. The not-for-profit club fields junior teams from under 6s to under 18s, and Open Men's, including BRL A Grade, Reserves and U20s. In order to capitalise on the growing interest from women and girls who wish to play rugby league, the club requires new female facilities.	\$800,000



Brighton Bulldogs Football Club female facilities	Brighton Bulldogs is a strong club with a proud history of being a friendly footballing community. Our home ground is located at Wakefield Park, Wickham Street in Brighton. Brighton Bulldogs have boys, girls and mixed teams from Under 12's to Under 18's. They also field teams in the Senior Men's Capital League and City League. Senior Women's teams lay in the Women's City League across a range of divisions and they field over 35 and over 45 Men's teams. With the FIFA Women's World Cup confirmed for Australia in 2023, the growth in women's football is only expected to continue. The club needs dedicated female friendly facilities to cater for this growth.	\$800,000
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ROADS AND TRANSPORT

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COMMONWEALTH REQUEST
Gympie Rd Chermide project business case	Since 2015, Gympie Rd Chermide has been identified by the RACQ and the AAMI Crash Index as the most dangerous, and one of the most congested roads in Queensland. The intersection of Gympie Rd and Hamilton Rd is also the location of Westfield Chermide, the second largest shopping centre in Australia, after Chadstone Shopping Centre. It has 15.5 million customer visits per annum. It's a busy stretch of road which carries a high volume of traffic travelling to and from the northern suburbs and Sunshine Coast to the CBD, as well as heavier vehicles as it is a main thoroughfare. Key findings of the North west transport network strategic assessment found that over the next 20 years daily road trips in this region are set to increase by 40-60 per cent. There is an urgent need to identify projects and solutions to address this significant transport safety issue.	\$5 million
Northgate Park and Ride	Each weekday nearly 750 commuters seek to park at Northgate. But the station has only 377 parking bays over four car parks. The Queensland Government's Department of Transport and Main Roads has budgeted \$380,000 for community consultation and business case planning. A multi-storey carpark is required to accommodate the large number of people wanting to park at the station and to ease congestion in surrounding streets.	\$7 million
Banyo Level Crossing Feasibility Study	A planning study for the rail level crossing on St Vincent's Road Banyo is required to inform options moving forward. Banyo Station is at a busy and complex intersection of local government roads. Grade separations, including road-over-rail and rail-over-road are options to improve road safety and congestion around railways. Co-funding may be available with Brisbane City Council as the owner of the road, and the Queensland Government.	\$500,000



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URBAN CONGESTION FUND

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COMMONWEALTH REQUEST
Rode Rd, Beckett Rd, Queens Rd Roundabout	For the past 10 years, there has been no significant upgrades to this busy, notorious roundabout. Its reputation is such that according to residents, tow truck drivers routinely parked along Queens Rd and at the McDowall Primary School carpark each morning & evening, anticipating traffic accidents which regularly occur. Significant upgrades to the Rode Rd roundabout have been requested with suggestions including installing traffic lights, and/or replacement of the roundabout with a controlled intersection.	\$120 million
Stafford Rd – Gympie Rd to Webster Rd	The opening of the Airport Link tunnel in Brisbane in 2012 has resulted in an up to 50 per cent increase in traffic on Stafford Road, particularly between Webster Road and Gympie Road. This is due to the combined role of this link catering for travel demand for both east-west and north-south movements. Arterial traffic measures should be investigated along Stafford Road. Options could include parking management/restrictions at intersection approaches, formalisation of turn lane pockets at side streets where signalised intersections are not provided; construction of a raised median along Stafford Road where double centre line currently exists; potential implementation of additional signalised intersections at side-streets; facilities for public transport, such as indented bus bays; and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists.	\$100,000 for planning and design
Newman Rd/Zillmere Rd roundabout	This busy local roundabout is frequented by local traffic and a high level of heavy vehicle traffic from the adjoining industrial area of Geebung. Zillmere Rd is also a major east/west arterial road from Sandgate Rd to Gympie Rd. The nearby Muller Rd access point also contributes to dangerous conditions. Solutions should be investigated.	\$68,000 for planning and design
Church Rd – Beams Rd to Roghan Rd	The road is plagued by poor drainage and poor, inadequate lighting. The roadway is in poor condition, with many shoddily repaired potholes. It was highlighted in the RACQ's 2020 Red Spot survey of Queensland's worst roads. Resurfacing, lighting upgrades required.	\$500,000
Robinson Rd West Aspley/Geebung	Robinson Rd West, between Gympie Rd and Murphy has a rough surface, which has deteriorated to the point where the road is unsafe for motorists, motorcyclists and cyclists. The road is in very poor condition and needs urgent resurfacing. Since the opening of the Robinson Road / Geebung train station overpass in 2014 Robinson Road west has become a major thoroughfare for traffic between Sandgate and Gympie roads. Residents have reported increased accidents and speeding.	\$800,000
Aspley State School precinct traffic calming – planning and design	Aspley State School has close to 800 students and is located on a major arterial road, Maundrell Terrace. All drop off/pick up activity is therefore limited to adjoining Horn Rd and surrounding suburban streets. To encourage safe driver behaviour and encourage active transport to and from school, a traffic management plan is requested to investigate traffic calming options.	\$80,000
Traffic lights at Wakefield St, Brighton Terrace and Ninth Avenue intersection, Sandgate	This large and busy intersection is under pressure due to increased traffic in the surrounding suburbs. It is one of the main connectors between the suburbs of Brighton and Sandgate. A signalled intersection would deliver safety improvements and make the commute easier for local residents.	\$1.5 million



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HEALTH

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COMMONWEALTH REQUEST
Fully funded MRI licence for Prince Charles Hospital	The Prince Charles is a major Brisbane public hospital with about 630 beds. It has a particular speciality in heart imaging and has two MRI machines as part of its Centre of Excellence in Cardiovascular MRI. However neither MRI machine has a full Medicare licence – meaning Medicare doesn't cover scans for most outpatients.	\$7.5 million
Aged Care	According to the Australian Government Department of Health Home Care Packages Program Data Report 1st Quarter 2021/22 1 July – 30 September 2021 there are 2849 residents waiting on a home care package in North Brisbane, an area covered by the electorate of Lilley. Significant funding is required to address the unmet need for home care services. This unmet need results in multiple contacts to the Lilley electorate office on a weekly basis from ageing residents and their families/carers seeking urgent assistance.	\$50 million plus
The Prince Charles Hospital Sky Garden	The Prince Charles Hospital treats many patients who experience hip fractures, which are quite common in the older person and can often lead to a significant hospital stay. As the patient's recovery is slower due to limited mobility, it can be challenging for them to leave the ward environment. To enhance the patient's hospital experience, TPCH would like to implement a Sky Garden to provide an accessible outdoor area which create a destination for patients to visit, which in turn provides a reason to get out of bed. The Sky Garden would also enhance the recovery process.	\$23,000
The Prince Charles Hospital Sunlight Room	The hospital wishes to renovate a wheelchair and bed accessible patio space to enable patients to access fresh air and sunshine. This space will also serve as an entertainment room to provide activities. Most importantly, this space will also be used as a private and intimate sanctuary for families to say their final goodbyes.	\$55,000
The Prince Charles Hospital Dementia Sensory Garden	The Prince Charles Cognitive Assessment and Management (CAM) Unit provides specialised support and care for patients experiencing memory and behavioural changes, and cognitive impairment related to dementia. Sensory gardens can provide dementia patients with several benefits. Being outside in nature, for example, is known to have healing properties such as reducing stress and lowering blood pressure. Having an enjoyable garden space can also encourage patients to visit outside areas which can increase their level of physical activity and mobility.	\$10,000



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EDUCATION

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COMMONWEALTH REQUEST
Double funding for the Local Schools Community Fund round by conducting an additional round	Local school principals have been raising this issue for me for a number of months. With Covid-19 causing the cancellation of a year of fundraising events in 2020, schools are struggling to make up the shortfall to deliver additional resources to their students. School fetes, dances, raffles, fundraising drives, fun runs, relays and other activities were unable to be held due to social distancing restrictions and lockdowns. A second round with increased funding will help meet the need for vital services and infrastructure.	\$400,000 (Lilley)
Sandgate District State High School Performing Arts Centre fit out	A new Performing Arts Centre at SDHS has been funded by the Queensland Government to the tune of \$5 million. This will replace their old hall which was approaching 50 years of age. An additional \$2 million from the Commonwealth would assist to fit out the new facility with additional state-of-the-art facilities such as dressing rooms, multi-media rooms with recording and editing facilities, dance and drama areas for the school's 1200 students.	\$2 million
Nashville State School new library	Enrolment continues to grow at this state school in Brighton, which boasts a diverse blend of socio economic and cultural backgrounds. Increasing numbers of high achieving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children enrich the school's cultural diversity. A new library is sought to deliver modern and technologically advanced educational services to the student population.	\$2 million
Sandgate State School	Sandgate State School was established in 1873, making it one of the oldest primary schools in the electorate of Lilley. The school is seeking a number of infrastructure upgrades including a replacement stage for school and community events, new front and back fence for safety and security, a covered walkway to the school hall to allow for safe access in all weather, swimming change room repairs/rebuild, an improved staff car park and storage shed for school grounds equipment	\$250,000
Wavell Heights State School	The school recently had an upgrade to their undercover area which would greatly benefit by being turned into a multi-purpose hall. This would benefit the school community by broadening the uses for the space and enabling it to be used in all weather, day and night, also on weekends.	\$2.5 million



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COMMUNITY**

PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COMMONWEALTH REQUEST
Double funding for the Stronger Communities Fund by creating an additional grants round in 2021	Round 7 of the program saw applications in the Lilley electorate vastly outstrip the allocation provided by the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications. The Covid-19 pandemic has severely limited fundraising opportunities for Lilley community and sporting organisations, resulting in unprecedented demand for grant funding. Sixty applications were received with requests made for over \$800,000 in grant funding. Round 7 of the programme allocated \$150,000 in funding for up to 20 projects.	\$300,000 (Lilley)
Geebung Shopping Village project	The Geebung Shopping Village has undergone significant challenges since the Geebung level crossing was removed in 2014. While the project addressed the removal of the Robinson Road Open Level Crossing, one of the most dangerous in Brisbane, the new road configuration has impacted the vibrancy and viability of the Geebung Shopping Village. A recent community survey conducted by my office found this was a key issue for residents. Funding is sought to deliver a rejuvenation plan for the village including significant community engagement. The purpose is to make this once thriving local community precinct more attractive and engaging for locals and visitors alike.	\$2 million
Brighton foreshore upgrade	In 2011, a long-awaited and promised upgrade to the Brighton foreshore was delayed by Brisbane City Council due to the Brisbane floods. The upgrade remains unfunded a decade after the 2011 floods despite community petitions and repeated requests from local representatives.	\$10 million
New Sandgate PCYC building	PCYC Sandgate is a proud community club operating for the last 41 years offering an extensive Gymnastics Program that caters for all levels of skill and experience with classes starting from the age of just 9 months through to adults. They PCYC also run a popular school holiday program, plus several youth and community programs. It's ageing facility is well past it's use-by date and significant funding is being expended in repairs and maintenance. A new facility would be a welcome and much needed addition to the Bayside community.	\$10 million
Volunteer Marine Rescue Shorncliffe Aquatic Activities Access Area	VMR Brisbane provides a 'first response' emergency service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Their base is strategically located at Shorncliffe, adjacent to Brisbane Airport and the Port of Brisbane. Volunteer Duty Crews maintain a vessel monitoring service every weekend and public holiday from 0600 to 1700 hrs. Volunteer Marine Rescue Brisbane Inc is a non-profit volunteer organisation whose primary purpose is to provide marine search and rescue services to the boating public in Moreton Bay and surrounding waterways. The group needs a new boat ramp, not only for launching rescue boats but for activities such as NDIS paddling, Brownsea Scouts, Polynesian Va'ao-alo Outriggers, Xiang Dragon Boats, All About Paddling, Sandgate Yacht Club and Sandgate Paddling Club (the largest paddling club in Qld).	\$1.35 million



Einbunpin Lagoon Park stage and amphitheatre	Einbunpin Lagoon in the heart of Sandgate is the location of multiple community activities throughout the year including markets, school performances, Music By The Sea Festival, the annual Einbunpin Festival and the Sandgate Youth Festival – the northside’s newest youth music festival. Installation of a permanent, lockable stage in the park would deliver a wonderful asset to the local community and be used frequently through the year for public performances.	\$1.2 million
Upgrade Einbunpin Lagoon Playground	Einbunpin Lagoon Park is located in heart of the busy Sandgate shopping precinct and features a small, but ageing playground. The park is the location of numerous community festivals and events and is frequented all year round by local residents and visitors to this bayside suburb. The playground needs an upgrade to deliver a safe, modern and exciting experience for visiting children.	\$250,000
Revive Deagon Skate Park	Deagon skate park is a much-loved and utilised facility by the youth of the area, as well as visitors to the district. It has created a hub for the youth community to get together and enjoy their pursuit of extreme sports. This facility is now over 15 years old and in need of an upgrade.	\$500,000
Keong Park upgrade	Keong Park is a huge green space that needs significant funding to improve its amenity for our local community. Co-located local organisations including the community centre, Meals on Wheels, Scouts, Lions and nearby schools. Improvements could include a water play area, redevelopment of the community centre, coordinated access to co-located services, new amenities (currently none), designated sporting areas, better functionality and purpose of existing stage area.	\$5 million
Redevelopment of old Brisbane City Council quarry depot, Kedron	Padua College and Mount Alvernia College in Kedron jointly submitted a development application seeking to transform the former Brisbane City Council Stafford Depot into a sports, cultural, trade and education precinct that will also benefit Saint Anthony’s Primary School. If approved, the said facility should provide multiple sports and educational areas that will deliver significant value to the North Brisbane community. Federal funding to assist with the planning and development of this site would ensure the local community has a voice in the determining the best outcomes for residents on the northside.	\$250,000

