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Lord Mayor Neglects Tennyson Ward Residents in Council Budget

The Lord Mayor Graham Quirk has neglected and ignored Tennyson Ward residents in his first budget as a popularly elected Lord Mayor.

Councillor Johnston said she was appalled and disgusted that the Lord Mayor has failed to fairly fund new community facilities and services.

"Tennyson Ward residents pay some of the highest rates across the City, yet suburbs such as Chelmer, Graceville, Tennyson and Fairfield have no new projects or facilities at all," Councillor Johnston said.

"Not a single cent will be spent anywhere in the ward on basic community infrastructure such as new drainage and stormwater upgrades, new or enhanced playgrounds, dog off-leash facilities, war memorials, bushland reserves, toilets, shelters, stormwater rehab, bikeways, new intersections, traffic calming or safety fencing."

"I am disgusted that the Lord Mayor, Graham Quirk, would choose to play such petty, partisan politics with the Budget."

Councillor Johnston said she was angry that the promises of both Campbell Newman and Graham Quirk to restore funding for projects that were cut for flood recovery had not been honoured.

"The Lord Mayor has simply failed to honour his commitment to residents to restore critical projects like the Juliette St upgrade and safety improvements to the pedestrian crossing Dudley St and Ipswich Rd, Annerley which were cut to fund flood recovery works. This is a breach of trust and shows how deceptive last year's cuts really were."

Councillor Johnston said the harsh local Budget cuts were plain to see in the Budget Papers. Project schedules for the past four years show:

- 30 projects for 2008-09
- 50 projects for 2009-10
- 44 projects for 2010-11
- 26 projects for 2011-12 (Flood Budget)
- 17 projects for 2012-13

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