

Wayne Swan

# 'Mining boom mark two' about to bring prosperity to the nation

## Political circus in town



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THE election is imminent and the political circus is coming to town with the Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan being the first off the blocks.

Mr Swan was in Gladstone yesterday on the bequest of member for Flynn Chris Trevor to discuss the future of Gladstone.

At a welcoming and friendly introduction, Mr Trevor said he didn't doubt that we would see more of Mr Swan in the next 60 days.

"And I don't doubt that I'll see a number of ministers in the next 60 days including our Prime Minister of Australia," he said.

At a press conference at the RG Tanner Coal Terminal Mr Swan said he was here in one of the great engine rooms of the Australian and Queensland economies.

"I'm talking to the local com-

munity about what we have done to support local jobs and what we need to do in the future to provide critical infrastructure for stronger growing communities like Gladstone," Mr Swan said.

"Through our breakthrough mining agreement, which will return 10.5 billion to the Australian community, we can invest in some of the critical infrastructure that is so important in these fast growing communities like Gladstone.

"We've got a regional infrastructure fund of \$2 billion of which will be spent in this state and that is being opposed by the liberal and national parties.

"We have a plan for the future," he said.

"Mining boom mark two is going to bring great prosperity to our nation, what we must do is invest in the infrastructure for these communities to maximise our growth and the quality of life in communities such as this and that's why we're here today."

The Deputy Prime Minister was speaking at the "Financial State of the Nation; Future of our Region" business luncheon addressing the future prosperity of Gladstone, including LNG developments.

However, attendee general manager of Portside Apartments Peter Petersen said Mr Swan very cleverly skirted over all the issues and we will just have to wait and see.

"It's very hard to plan without knowing and I'm interested to find out what impacts the delay of the LNG projects is going to have on the town," Mr Petersen said.

"A lot of people are concerned and we were hoping that the Treasurer could have highlighted some of these issues.

"It would've been interesting to find out more about what is happening for the future of Gladstone and how Gladstone will accommodate that future, which is important to us being in the industry we are in," he said.



Deputy Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer Wayne Swan visits the RG Tanner Coal Terminal with Member for Flynn Chris Trevor and Ports CEO Leo Zussino.  
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