



Speech by

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## **BRUCE HIGHWAY UPGRADE**

**Mr RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (11.51 am): Motorists travelling along the busy stretch of the Bruce Highway between Uhlmann Road and Caboolture will enjoy a smoother ride, with upgrade works now complete. Last week I joined with Main Roads Minister, Craig Wallace, and federal member for Longman, Jon Sullivan, to officially open the new six-lane section of the Bruce Highway. The Bruce Highway road-widening project is evidence of how the state and federal Labor governments are responding to growth in the Morayfield state electorate and providing opportunities for local people. Investments in road projects are not just about the building of a road. Investments in road projects are about connecting people—connecting people to each other, to work opportunities and to study opportunities. The Bruce Highway widening project lives up to that aspiration.

The works supported 389 jobs over the life of the project and included improvements to interchanges and highway access to improve traffic flow and safety on and off the highway. This road upgrade will improve traffic efficiency, traffic flow and safety in one of the fastest growing areas in Queensland. The completed road project has been well received by local people, and I have noticed that congestion on associated connecting roads has declined. The road project was the final stage of a commitment from both the state Labor and federal governments to upgrade the Bruce Highway from four to six lanes from the Gateway Motorway to Caboolture. This project is just one of the many infrastructure building projects that Labor governments are delivering around Queensland.

Sadly, a traffic controller lost his life during the road construction due to the carelessness of an irresponsible motorist. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere condolences to the family of the traffic controller. This tragedy should remind all motorists and all members of this House to slow down and take care on our roads. Road safety is everyone's responsibility.