



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Lutwyche Busway Station

Hon. SJ HINCHLIFFE (Stafford—ALP) (Minister for Infrastructure and Planning) (10.15 am): The Bligh government is committed to building tomorrow's Queensland. Work is well underway on the Northern Busway Windsor to Kedron section as a key element of the combined \$4.8 billion Airport Link projects. To minimise traffic disruption, a section of Lutwyche Road was recently transformed into a bridge during construction of a new Lutwyche bus station. To transform the road into a bridge, the traditional bridge construction process was reversed and the reinforced bridge deck constructed before excavation began.

This bridge structure creates the opportunity for a state-of-the-art station, sitting below road level and incorporating an underpass for pedestrians and cyclists to avoid crossing busy Lutwyche Road. On completion in 2012, the Lutwyche bus station will become a vibrant urban centre, connecting both sides of Lutwyche Road and the nearby shopping centre, with new open space connecting through Bradshaw Park to Kedron Brook. With an additional busway station at Kedron and eight new high-quality bus shelters, the three-kilometre Windsor-Kedron section of the Northern Busway will provide residents of Brisbane's northern suburbs with fast, efficient public transport from mid-2012.

By 2016, it will cater for 47,000 public transport trips per day—more than five times the current number. The Northern Busway Windsor-Kedron section is the latest demonstration of the government's implementation of our public transport commitments. The South East Busway, the Inner Northern Busway and stage 1 of the Eastern Busway are already used by an estimated 250,000 commuters a day. The Bligh government remains committed to building tomorrow's Queensland—and only a future focused government like ours will deliver the vital transport infrastructure Queensland needs.