



Speech by

## Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk

MEMBER FOR INALA

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### MOTION: CONNECTING SEQ 2031



**Hon. A PALASZCZUK** (Inala—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Multicultural Affairs) (5.45 pm): I move—

That all words after 'House' be deleted and the following words inserted:

'endorses the detailed transport plan titled Connecting SEQ 2031 which has been delivered by the Bligh Government; and

Notes that this plan provides the vision for transport over the next 20 years for South East Queensland.'

What we have seen from the shadow transport minister is a complete lack of understanding when it comes to transport and public transport in South-East Queensland. For the first five minutes of his 10-minute speech, he talked about the TransLink Tracker. The TransLink Tracker is a completely separate document to the plan that the Minister for Main Roads and I released on Sunday—Connecting SEQ 2031. This is a transport planning document for the future. This Labor government knows that the growth in South-East Queensland is going to double over the next 20 years. It is going to be more than the size of Sydney and we need to cater for that growth. We need to plan now and make sure that we can deliver what is needed over this time.

I make no apologies for what the Labor government is delivering in this state—absolutely no apology. For the shadow minister's benefit, I am more than happy to talk about our achievements and our proud record of delivery, including the construction of 25 kilometres of busways in South-East Queensland. In August, we opened the Eastern Busway at Langlands Park at a cost of \$465 million, delivering 100,000 weekly seats. We have completed the construction of new rail lines to Varsity Lakes and Richlands. We have established the TransLink Transit Authority, which has overseen an increase in public transport patronage by 45 per cent over the last five years. What we also have is the largest integrated ticketing system in the world, with 10,000 square kilometres. Who has that been delivered by? A Labor government, and we will keep on delivering.

**A government member** interjected.

**Ms PALASZCZUK:** That is correct. What did we do in June? We did the largest timetable overhaul whereby we delivered 150,000 extra weekly seats. We are delivering for public transport; that is what this government is doing. What else did we do as part of our Connecting SEQ 2031 plan? We also developed another comprehensive plan that the shadow minister may want to look at—the Queensland Cycle Strategy. Again, there are no comments from those opposite.

I find it absurd that the opposition can come in here and criticise our detailed planning vision for the next 20 years when what have they put forward? They have put forward a document which has largely been plagiarised from the South-East Queensland Council of Mayors. They did not even mention the Moreton Bay Rail Link. They failed to mention a signature project—the Moreton Bay Rail Link. What did Campbell Newman do when he found out that it was not mentioned in this plan? He rang up the Moreton Bay council and left a voicemail message to say that he forgot to mention it in his plan. That is a disgrace. He could not even put a signature project in his plan.

We are getting on with the job of building in South-East Queensland. We are getting on with the job of delivering. With regard to the Moreton Bay Rail Link, there is geotechnical work underway. We are funding the Gold Coast rapid light rail project—a billion dollar investment on the Gold Coast delivering for the people in South-East Queensland. That is 13 kilometres of light rail and a signature project. It is the first regional light rail project in Australia—being delivered by a Labor government, and do not forget it. Let there be no mistake: it is going to be delivered by a Labor government and I am going to be there for the opening.

What did we see on Sunday? The Premier, myself and the member for Bundamba turn the sod on the second stage of the rail link to Springfield. That is what we are doing—delivering the Darra to Springfield train line two years ahead of schedule. We are delivering a comprehensive plan. What we have seen is that those opposite are bereft of any ideas. They have no policies. They have no alternative vision for this state. They have nothing! They have absolutely nothing! Labor will deliver for transport in South-East Queensland. They have nothing!