




Speech by
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BEAUDESERT ELECTORATE

 **Mr KRAUSE** (Beaudesert—LNP) (2.32 pm): I would like to reflect on some of the achievements I have delivered for the Beaudesert electorate this year as part of a strong LNP government. Firstly, we have made it quite clear that CSG production will not proceed in the Scenic Rim. Arrow Energy knows the government's position and has relinquished much of its exploration tenure. The LNP government—and might I say, the Premier has been very supportive of me in this—made a commitment to the Scenic Rim in relation to CSG and we are delivering on our commitment.

Secondly, the planning for the Bromelton state development area has been finalised, and work on essential infrastructure is now being planned. This development has the potential to generate thousands of jobs, and this government has moved quickly to get this project going. Queensland is a great state with great opportunity and, working within this government, I am determined to see those opportunities developed in the Beaudesert electorate. Thirdly, through my strong advocacy for the electorate we are investing in essential works like the Boonah-Kalbar water treatment plant and water pipeline, the \$41 million Cunningham Highway repairs and \$25 million repairs to the Mount Lindesay Highway, and \$1.8 million for a fire station on Tamborine Mountain and nearly \$5 million for a new roundabout at Tamborine Village to deal with growth in those areas. We are working to deliver better bus services for Jimboomba and Beaudesert, and we have injected over \$1.5 million into local state schools to fix their maintenance backlogs. A wild dog destruction officer, based in Beaudesert, will help fix the wild dog problem in the region. Literacy and numeracy funding will help to get the basics right in the early years at school. We are investing in the tourism sector to boost overnight spending. All of these things have been delivered for the Beaudesert electorate by this LNP government. I am working hard with all of my colleagues to continue that delivery. I acknowledge the tough decisions made by the government and the cabinet to get Queensland firing again to realise its opportunity.

I thank everybody in the electorate for their support. In particular, I thank all of the LNP members and supporters for their unreserved support in getting Queensland back on track. Rest assured I will continue to work hard to deal with the issues facing the region. I will not run away from the hard issues, but face them and work with the government to fix them. It is only too easy to run away and play your own game. The Beaudesert electorate has seen that before—in the last parliament—when the then member for Beaudesert betrayed his electorate to selfishly pursue his own personal ambition. I am disgusted that the member for Condamine has followed suit, chasing the title of party leader in this place, with a bigger salary, a driver and a car. He has abandoned the people who put him in this place to do a job—a job which is tough, which requires making tough choices, which requires people to persevere and work with others. The member for Condamine knows that, but he has chosen the easy route, the soft option, of throwing stones from the outside instead of working as a team to achieve for his electorate. Thirty pieces of silver is all it took. The people of Condamine know that he has walked away from them and they will not forget, just like the people of my electorate will not forget what the former member for Beaudesert did to them.