




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Tamborine-Oxenford Road

 **Mr BOOTHMAN** (Albert—LNP) (10.05 pm): The Newman government takes road safety seriously. Tonight I inform the House of infrastructure improvements that have been undertaken in the electorate of Albert. Over recent times, residents living in the upper reaches of the Tamborine-Oxenford Road on Mount Tamborine have expressed concerns about road conditions and safety. One resident in particular has been very vocal in her dismay about the number of accidents she has witnessed personally near her property. Only recently, that resident took it upon herself to care for an accident victim until the paramedics arrived. The section of Tamborine-Oxenford Road near Hayes Road is a steep, curvy roadway and crash data indicates most accidents occur at night and/or in wet conditions. The roadway is a key gateway to Mount Tamborine. Tamborine-Oxenford Road is crucial for tourism and business on Tamborine Mountain and for residents who work on the Gold Coast and in Brisbane. I cannot express enough how crucial this roadway is for businesses and residents.

Therefore, it is my pleasure to inform the House that the Department of Transport and Main Roads has fast tracked multiple road improvements for this section of road. Safety improvements include installing guardrails on the sharp bends on the western side of Tamborine-Oxenford Road, chevron markers on the descent, additional safety warning signs and a refresher of road line markings. Those safety improvements have been scheduled to start this month and should take about six to eight weeks to complete. This government is committed to taking road safety seriously. I will continue to apply pressure to the department with regard to this section of road. I have also been informed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads that it will carry out another safety audit of this area of Tamborine-Oxenford Road after the works have been completed.

Furthermore, I would like to update the House on the John Muntz Causeway. Construction has begun. Golding Contractors is working to complete the new bridge.

Miss Barton: Well done, Mark.

Mr BOOTHMAN: I take the interjection. Certainly it is a momentous occasion for the local community to see the heavy machinery working on the bridge site, preparing for a new bridge. The community can see a light at the end of the tunnel when it comes to this major arterial road. The bridge, which the previous government should have provided for many years ago, is long overdue. However, that government continuously repaired the dilapidated causeway. Only the Newman government, with good budgetary measures, committed to building a new bridge for the local community.