



Speech By  
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Logan and Gateway Motorways, Extension**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply) (2.48 pm): This morning, I was very pleased to join the Treasurer and the members for Logan, Algester, Woodridge, Springwood and Stretton to support their Logan communities deal with an issue that the previous government neglected for three years. For three years they neglected the congestion. For three years they neglected the road safety issues on the Logan and Gateway extension. For three years they did nothing. They built their tower of power, but they neglected their constituents. Perhaps that is why this government holds all the seats in that area. When it begins, this project will create 1,300-plus jobs, that is, 1,300 jobs that are desperately needed here in South-East Queensland.

We hear the opposition say, 'You should work with the private sector.' We hear them say, 'You should be innovative with your funding solutions.' That is what they say. When we come into this place and do that, what do we get from them? We just get the same old whingeing, the same old carping, the same old negativity, the same old fear campaign—the same tactics that led them into opposition.

Is this idea of working with the private sector a new idea? I do not think so. That brings me to some previous reporting from a former leader of the LNP. The article states—

Campbell Newman's Queensland LNP will be putting all options on the table—including the possibility of introducing tolls—to deliver a decent all-weather highway linking the north and south of the State.

That is the Bruce Highway. The article continues—

... LNP Parliamentary Leader Jeff Seeney ... flagged the involvement of private enterprise in helping fund the huge cost of rebuilding the Bruce Highway.

It gets better. The article continues—

"I certainly would rule in the involvement of private investment and private funding in a whole range of models ...

They were the member for Callide's own words. When we come in here and say that we are working with the private sector to create jobs and save lives on our roads—to make a safer Logan Motorway—what do we get from those opposite? We get the same old negativity, the same old carping, the same old lack of substance from the opposition that took them into opposition. They lost 36 seats at the last election. We would think that they might have learnt something by now.

This project is fantastic for the south side. It will create jobs. It will see a much more efficient road system. It will see results in terms of freight productivity which will create more jobs and flow-on jobs. Why does the freight industry support this? Why does the Transport and Logistics Council and the Trucking Association support it? They know it is good for Queensland.