




Speech By
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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (2.33 pm): One of the key roles of a local member is to work with their communities to identify the key concerns across their electorate. Of greater importance is for the local member to actually deliver on those key concerns. Since being re-elected for my third term as the member for Glass House I have been working with the 20 townships and communities across the electorate of Glass House to identify what is concerning my constituents most. Together we have compiled that into a 'fighting for' list for the electorate of Glass House. I am pleased to report, as I did in the previous two terms, that alongside individual constituents or community groups, we are progressively ticking those 'fighting for' items off that list.

I am pleased to report that there is a lot of action going on in relation to the D'Aguilar Highway. I again acknowledge the former minister for transport and main roads, my good friend Scott Emerson, for the assistance he provided in working with the federal government, in particular Wyatt Roy, who put forward the \$16 million. It always brings a smile to my face to drive along the highway between Wamuran and Woodford and see the extent of those roadworks—see the overtaking lane coming in and see the improvements to the various intersections along that very busy highway. I thank all community members who use that highway for their patience and I look forward to celebrating with them when it is finally completed.

I also acknowledge the former minister for transport and main roads for the work that he did in securing lights for the intersection of Reed Street and Steve Irwin Way. That work has finally begun, too. It is astonishing to see how quickly it is proceeding. We thank the team from RoadTek for doing it. Again, I thank the members of the Glass House Mountains community for their patience while that busy intersection is finally made safe for one and all.

It was great to celebrate with the school crossing supervisors, Jodie and Ash, at Chevallum State School just last week. For more than 12 months we have been fighting for them to move from being volunteer crossing supervisors to funded crossing supervisors. With the efforts of the principal, Linda Short, and the P&C President, Ben Calder, we had that great outcome. As at the start of term 1 this year, Jodie and Ash are now being paid for their wonderful service to that school community. We still have a lot to do at that school. Its drop-off and pick-up zones still remain incredibly busy. I will work with whomever is elected in division 5 of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council to finish the job there.

Finally, it is great to have the lookout back at Balmoral Lookout. I appreciate the efforts of Les Gittins, a Montville resident, who has worked with me to lobby Transport and Main Roads. We had one of the most panoramic lookouts in all of the Blackall Range and yet, due to the growth in trees across the road, you could not see anything. I say thank you to TMR, who came in and cleaned it up. In the last week they have been back there revegetating it with lower-growing shrubs so that everyone can admire the spectacular Sunshine Coast.