




Speech By
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MEMBER FOR GLASS HOUSE

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Glass House Electorate

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (2.36 pm): As a Sunshine Coast LNP member of parliament I am proud to report that my record of delivering with the Glass House community continues. I am pleased to report that Queensland's newest state school, Pumicestone State School, is effectively open for business, with Principal Robyn Conlon on board and enrolments flooding in. I am pleased to report that, after many years of construction, the D'Aguilar Highway, particularly between the Gamgee roads west of Wamuran, is open, with our new overtaking lane and safer intersections creating not only a safer commute for my constituents but also a faster one. We have delivered lights at both Reed Street and Bowen Road on Steve Irwin Way at Glass House Mountains, and I am very grateful for all of the thanks the many community members have provided—whether in person, over the phone or via email—in recent months.

We continue to deliver funding for sporting groups and community groups the length and breadth of the electorate, but I know, as do the constituents of Glass House, the importance of regional infrastructure projects. Whilst they may not be in the electorate of Glass House, they benefit the people of Glass House as they benefit the people of the broader Sunshine Coast and Noosa regions. That is why as an LNP team we delivered the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. We brought forward that funding. That is why we secured funding for the Bruce Highway between Caloundra Road and the Sunshine Coast Motorway and are hoping, unless this government finds a way to go slow on this too, for that construction to commence imminently. That is why we gifted land to the Sunshine Coast Regional Council, so they could expand the Sunshine Coast airport. That is why we had a commitment to get the duplication of the north coast rail back on track. It is a vital project that services not only the Sunshine Coast but also all stations north, not to mention the freight load it can take and remove from the Bruce Highway. That is why we had a commitment to build the Mooloolah River interchange.

Quite frankly, this government's attempt to bust the congestion that is going to occur around the university hospital is just farcical. That is not going to solve the problem; it is only going to make it worse. This government needs to come up with a solution. That is why we are looking at roads such as Nicklin Road, Caloundra Road and Beckmans Road in Noosa: to bust the congestion throughout the Sunshine Coast.

We on the coast have the record. We know what needs to be done. As your Sunshine Coast LNP team, we will deliver.