



Speech By  
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## ADJOURNMENT

### Beaudesert Road-Mount Lindesay Highway Interchange

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Innovation, Science and the Digital Economy and Minister for Small Business) (2.37 am): I want to share with the House a great outcome for the people of my electorate of Algester. Before the last election I campaigned for a comprehensive solution to the spaghetti mess that is the Beaudesert Road-Mount Lindesay Highway interchange. The former LNP member for Algester spent the entire three years of his time in parliament, as part of a government with a record majority, focused only on a quick fix for this interchange and could not even deliver on that.

From my own community consultation it became clear that only a comprehensive solution could deliver improved safety for local motorists, reduce traffic congestion and prolong the lifespan of the intersection. I am proud to say that in under two years Labor has delivered the comprehensive solution required to achieve those three aims. The Transurban Logan Enhancement Project, announced last week by the Treasurer, Curtis Pitt, under the innovative market-led proposal program, is a win for our local community. I share in that win with the members for Woodridge, Logan, Waterford, Springwood and Stretton.

I met with Transurban officials prior to the submission of the final proposal to government to ensure that local community feedback was incorporated into the final designs of the project. The extensive feedback provided to Transurban by the local community has helped to deliver a final project which exceeds the proposed outcomes put forward by in the initial plan. Not only will the project address the range of issues with the interchange; it will also generate approximately \$1 billion in economic benefits over 30 years and support around 1,300 jobs over the 2½-year construction phase.

Under the proposal, heavy vehicles will pay an additional toll on the completion of construction to fund the project. Local motorists travelling on existing routes on the motorways will not pay any additional tolls outside of the annual consumer price index rate increase, in line with current arrangements. The project has the backing of major stakeholders including RACQ and the heavy vehicle industry. The fantastic outcomes delivered by the project show the positive benefits of collaboration between the community, government and industry.

All of those people to whom I had spoken prior to the election who were very much focused on a comprehensive solution are incredibly happy and pleased that they will have a solution that will extend the longevity of this particular stretch of road and keep them safe and, obviously, decrease the amount of time they spend on the road.