




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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Road Infrastructure

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (10.17 am): Roads are absolutely critical to Queensland's economy. Yet when we look at the record of the Newman government it slashed \$200 million from our road budget every single year it was in power. They have the front to get up here and start talking about infrastructure and bringing back funding for Royalties for Regions when they were the big slashers and burners. As we move around Queensland we see that on our road system every single day.

The member for Indooroopilly spent \$30 million on a secret branch, on privatisation and contestability at a time when they said they would not sell assets. That is their shameful record when it comes to road infrastructure funding in this state. Compare that with Labor's record over 12 months. The State Infrastructure Plan is delivering infrastructure on the Dawson Highway near Gladstone; in Rockhampton; on Riverway Drive in Townsville; on Kawana Way in the Sunshine Coast—the forgotten about Sunshine Coast where the dithering half dozen on the other side of this chamber did nothing for three years—the Urraween Road intersection; the Pialba-Burrum Heads and Wide Bay Drive intersection, again ignored for three years under those opposite; Hervey Range Road done by the Palaszczuk government; exit 54 on the M1; the Peak Downs Highway bridges; doubling of TIDS funding with the local government to get better value on our roads system; and \$40 million for the western roads package—neglected under the LNP. There is also the accelerated works package to get more work out the door. There is so much going on. We have also put money on the table for the Ipswich Motorway and the M1 merge. We ask the federal government to partner with us to get those critical pieces of infrastructure going here in Queensland.

It is in that light that I welcome the endorsement by a couple of members of the LNP of our infrastructure spending in Queensland. In the *Jimboomba Times* on 13 April, the member for Beaudesert was complaining that there were too many roadworks going on. The paper reported him as saying that 'the many roadworks underway at the same time would add further frustration for motorists'. He thinks we are doing too much down there. I thank the member for Beaudesert for his endorsement of infrastructure funding by the Palaszczuk government.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the endorsement of the member for Glass House for our decision to reduce speed through Wamuran—something that he is 'thrilled' about, according to the *Kilcoy Sentinel* of 10 March. He said it is 'just brilliant'. I thank the member for Glass House for his endorsement of something he could not get through under the Newman government in three years. He sat around the cabinet table for three years trying to get this done and he failed, and the Palaszczuk government has delivered for his community. Thank you for the endorsement. Thank you for being thrilled. Thank you for calling us brilliant.