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Connected Autonomy in Smart Cities Summit

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (10.04 am): Another step towards advancing Queensland was taken this week with the Connected Autonomy in Smart Cities Summit at QUT, co-hosted by the Palaszczuk government and Intelligent Transport Systems Australia. The Queensland-first summit brought together more than 200 international experts and industry specialists to discuss the advances in transport technology and how we will prepare our Queensland network for connected and automated vehicles in the future. It was a great success and concluded with key delegates agreeing that Queensland has never been in a better position to capitalise on emerging transport technologies. We know that automated vehicles and big data will play a critical role in our ever-evolving transport system, improving safety and enabling smarter and cleaner travel. We want to work with the community and industry to build confidence in these new technologies and to put Queensland on the front foot, ensuring our state is ready for these changes.

Attendees heard from world-leading experts including CISCO Global Transportation executive Barry Einsig, BMW Group's vice-president of quality management Volker Richter, and Q-Free chief technologist Knut Eversen. Having these leaders as guest speakers just down the road at QUT on how we might be able to better use technology to deliver transport solutions for Queenslanders was a real coup for Queensland and it was great talking with them at our parliamentary reception here on Monday night. All who attended enjoyed an excellent opportunity to strengthen their organisation's position within this developing industry as well as the chance to network, share ideas and make important business partnerships and work together. One exciting development the Palaszczuk government is already progressing is a pilot program for the integration of connected and automated vehicles. The department is currently negotiating a joint agreement with Bosch and the QUT Centre for Accident Research and Road Safety to test cooperative and highly automated vehicles on our roads. We are also looking at a large-scale pilot of cooperative intelligent transport systems. This pilot will grow the department's technical and organisational readiness as well as encourage partnerships and build capability in both the private and public sectors. The Palaszczuk government is committed to ensuring Queensland is ahead of the game in tackling technological change and driving the jobs of the future.