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Sumners Road Overpass

 **Mrs SMITH** (Mount Ommaney—LNP) (8.27 pm): On Sunday the Palaszczuk Labor government announced its so-called state infrastructure vision—and what an interesting vision it is! In the words of the Deputy Premier, something was needed ‘to kick-start the economy’. Well, at least that shows acceptance by those opposite that the economy has stalled under their watch.

I want to tell the House about an important piece of infrastructure that is needed in the electorate of Mount Ommaney—the Sumners Road overpass. For those in the House who have not heard me talk about this many times in the past, let me elaborate. This inadequate single-lane overpass has been the bane of the local community for more than 20 years. Thousands of vehicles use this overpass every day.

In 2009 the Bligh government announced a planning study—something Labor is very good at—and it sounded too good to be true. In March 2010 Transport and Main Roads called for community feedback. The community was heartened by this. In 2011 the former member for Mount Ommaney announced in the local *South-West News* the budget to include \$57 million for the overpass. ‘Hallelujah,’ the community collectively breathed.

But here is where Labor, as always, is at its tricky best. This vital piece of infrastructure that is so vital was still only in the concept stage in the Queensland Infrastructure Plan 2011. In fact, only \$2 million had been allocated to it. How can Queenslanders trust that this new plan of Labor’s, delivered last weekend, would be any different? We cannot.

I return to Sumners Road. This very important piece of infrastructure is needed and at least one person on the Labor side agrees with me. On 21 May 2013 this document that I now table was laid upon the table of this House. It is a petition that states—

... requesting the House to immediately fund the Sumners Road interchange project.

Tabled paper: Petition (2115-13): Ms Palaszczuk, from 301 petitioners, requesting the House to fund the Sumners Road interchange project [\[364\]](#).

The petition was sponsored and signed by none other than the member for Inala, Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk. Yes, the Premier also wants this piece of infrastructure built. It is that important to her that she even sponsored a petition calling on the House—and I will say again it—to immediately fund the Sumners Road interchange project.

The real tragedy is that, when I look through the recent state infrastructure vision document, I see that there is no reference to Sumners Road. Why would the Premier walk away from something that was so vitally important to her? I now table a document containing 3,151 signatures calling on the Sumners Road interchange project to be built. I table this petition and ask the government to just build it.

Tabled paper: Nonconforming petition regarding fixing Sumners Road [\[365\]](#).