




Speech By
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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (8.53 pm): I know that we hear in this place good news about Logan and I am here to deliver more good news to the House about roads and schools—good news from the Palaszczuk government delivering for our area. Firstly, schools are so vital to the young families of Logan, made up of aspiring people who want to make their world better and especially for their kids to achieve more.

Recently I took the Minister for Education, the member for Ashgrove, Kate Jones, to Logan Village to see the six new classrooms that are providing for growth in the area. As you might know, Mr Speaker, Logan Village is right next to the community of Yarrabilba. Last year the Premier and the Minister for Education came to Yarrabilba to talk about the opening of the school in 2019. Principal Alan Bunce and I spoke to the minister, saying that we needed to look at opening the school earlier than planned because of the great pressure from growing families in the local area. At the last sitting I was really pleased to announce that the Yarrabilba school will be opened a year earlier, in 2018, which is fantastic news for the area. Locals were very pleased but they also said to me, 'Keep pushing, Linus. Keep fighting. We want a high school.' I will continue to do that and I will continue to fight for my area.

Mr Pearce: And you'll deliver.

Mr POWER: It will be a tough job, but we have the support of the Premier and we have the support of the Minister for Education, so I know they are listening and that is what is important.

I wanted to talk about roads in our local area. We all know that I have spoken before about the safety review of the Mount Lindesay Highway, which is vital for my area and I am fighting for it. That is in addition to the \$40 million we have spent on making the Waterford-Tamborine Road safer. Some \$5 million came out of the safety review for lights at the intersection of Camp Cable Road and the Mount Lindesay Highway north of Jimboomba. This has made that intersection safer, after a very sad death there.

Probably the biggest thing happening in Logan is the motorway improvements. The member for Woodridge, the member for Algester, the member for Stretton and I fought and got the backing of the minister to see these improvement projects happen. I am glad to see that those members are all here tonight, working late into the night for Logan. As part of those improvements we are going to see the duplication of the Wembley Road overpass that will connect the two parts of Logan without the delays that hold people up. We are also going to see huge improvements to the Mount Lindesay Highway and Logan Motorway interchange which will include a flyover so that you never need to join the Logan Motorway when getting on to the Gateway.

Vitally—and the member for Algester knows how hard we fought for this—the right-hand turn across the highway will now go under the highway, meaning that drivers can go straight through on the road north and it will be much safer for all. I thank the two ministers—the Minister for Roads and the Minister for Education. They are fighting for Logan, just as I am.