




Speech By
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MOTION: ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (6.28 pm): I note that the member for Toowoomba South asked us to look at and consider the record of the Newman-Nicholls government. He seemed terribly excited to see the former and future member for Toowoomba South, Kerry Shine, coming back to be a part of the Toowoomba team. That is probably because Kerry is all over today's Toowoomba *Chronicle*, which is called the 'Kerry Shine chronicle' because he delivers so much for Toowoomba. This House condemns the Newman-Nicholls government's cuts to roads. This House knows that the Newman-Nicholls government had a complete lack—

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Pause the clock. Thank you, members. I cannot hear the member for Logan.

Mr POWER: They are all excited about Kerry Shine coming back. This side knows about the Newman-Nicholls government's complete lack of commitment to the Mount Lindesay Highway. Locals in Logan and Beaudesert know that those opposite had a massive majority and represented every single kilometre of the Mount Lindesay Highway from the border to beyond the Logan Motorway, but what did they do during the first two years they were elected? Sadly, everyone in Logan and Beaudesert knows they did nothing. It was only in their third year that they even bothered to think about it, and it was too late. They reacted in a kneejerk fashion, spending just \$1.5 million.

Together with the community, I have fought hard to get improvements to the Mount Lindesay Highway. Since being elected almost two years ago as the member for Logan, I have worked hard with the community to secure \$85 million in funding, which is 10 times as much as the Newman-Nicholls government. I will continue to fight, but we have already secured the Mount Lindesay Highway safety review; the Camp Cable Road intersection upgrade; the Beaudesert bypass—thanks, member for Beaudesert; the turning lane at Gleneagle school; and safer railings at Park Ridge. We have also seen other minor safety improvements. Now we have some really big ones: \$20 million in funding to put a service road between St Aldwyn Road through to Greenbank Road and improvements to the Greenbank Road; and a further \$20 million to do four-laning on the Mount Lindesay Highway. On top of this, I have stood up with the community to gain these significant improvements to the Mount Lindesay-Logan Motorway intersection: the right-turn lane coming under the highway; the flyover to the Gateway; separate lanes to the Gateway; and, most importantly, duplication of the Wembley Road bridge which delivers so many economic jobs.

Mr Speaker, it was not just in Logan. When others in this place saw the motion before us, so many of them wanted to speak against it. They wanted to tell the story of LNP inaction and failure. The member for Thuringowa particularly wanted to speak to this. His electorate knows that the LNP failed to deliver Riverway Drive. Is the former LNP member for Thuringowa, Mr Cox, still a member of the LNP? No, he has departed to One Nation. Even he could see that the LNP failed to deliver. The shadow Treasurer, the member for Indooroopilly—then the minister for main roads—strolled up to Riverway Drive. He smiled and waved to passers-by and promised to deliver it, but they failed. The former member went as far as erecting a billboard to promise it to the residents of the Upper Ross, but the

LNP could not deliver. Only Labor will deliver Riverway Drive. It took a Labor member who has only been in just over two years to deliver the \$35 million stage 1 duplication of Riverway Drive. He will continue to fight for Thuringowa. It will deliver 100 jobs and help the residents of Kelso, Condon and Rasmussen to get jobs, education and business across the whole corridor.

It is not just Labor members. Recently the member for Southport said there are a plethora of roadworks going on in Southport. What does a 'plethora' mean? I do not know. It means a lot, doesn't it? That is right, there are a plethora of roadworks going on and LNP members are supporting it. I was disappointed that the LNP did not stand united with Queensland to call for 80 per cent funding on the M1. They did not support every Queenslander. Upon hearing that the LNP federal government was paying for 80 per cent of the M1 across the border, every Queenslander expected that everyone in this House would stand united to fight for 80 per cent of the Queensland side, but those opposite did not. Instead, this opposition sold out Queensland.

We have a main roads minister who is prepared to stand up for Queensland. He is prepared to make a deal to get funding for the Gold Coast, Townsville and all over this state, especially in Logan on the Mount Lindesay Highway and the Waterford-Mount Tamborine Road. We will continue to fight for it and we will get the funding that roads in this state deserve.