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Mount Lindesay Highway

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (10.33 pm): I was absolutely shocked when the LNP opposition leader recently left his northside suburb of Clayfield and reluctantly visited the roadside of the Mount Lindesay Highway. I was shocked because the member for Clayfield and the LNP failed on the Mount Lindesay Highway. I was shocked because he did not take the opportunity to apologise. Everyone in this place knows that I fight for the Mount Lindesay Highway. It is the lifeblood of the western part of Logan and is a vital economic and social connection.

The Palaszczuk Labor government and the former minister understand the importance of the Mount Lindesay Highway. However, the member for Clayfield, the leader of the LNP opposition, has shown by his actions that he does not support the Mount Lindesay Highway. In his three years as treasurer the member for Clayfield added only \$680,000 to the budget for the Mount Lindesay Highway. It was an insult to the people of Logan. Despite strong population growth in the area, he saw the Mount Lindesay Highway as just another thing to cut, cut, cut.

I know that the people of Logan deserve better, and I would fight for more. Soon after we were elected we initiated the Mount Lindesay Highway safety review. Through this program, important projects such as the \$8 million Camp Cable Road intersection were completed—and I will ask for more works this year. I knew that we needed more. Some said to me, 'You've already got so much more funding than the LNP and the last government.' To anyone who said that to me I simply said, 'We need more because we have to make up for the member for Clayfield failing to fund the highway.'

That is why I was pleased to see \$20 million in funding for the upgrade of the Greenbank Road intersection and the service road from the Chambers Flat intersection opposite the Greenbank Road intersection that the community and I fought for. We will continue to work with local businesses and shoppers for the best safe access for local businesses. By working together and listening, I believe that we can improve this great project. In the most recent budget we delivered a further \$20 million for the highway, for four-laning in Park Ridge South. This is vital funding so that families returning home will not have to merge together and then exit at Stoney Camp Road.

These are positive investments and they are welcomed by everyone in Logan, but they do not yet catch up with the disaster that was the budget under the LNP, under the member for Clayfield. We know that the LNP did not invest in the Mount Lindesay Highway. I will continue to fight to make up for the woeful lack of investment in the three years of the LNP under the member for Clayfield. I will continue to fight to ensure that he will not control the budget and let down Logan once again.