




Speech By
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Waterford-Tamborine Road

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (2.45 pm): The people of Logan Village have a great community spirit and they come together to stand up for each other. Earlier this year we saw that when the area was flooded. The community gathered together to help their neighbours bounce back.

The Logan Village and Yarrabilba community has also gathered together to sign a petition to advocate for improvements to the Waterford-Tamborine Road. I inform the House that I intend to present this petition to the House.

The growth in the new area of Yarrabilba means that we need to be committed to continual improvement of the Waterford-Tamborine Road. I want to particularly recognise Paul Casbolt, Councillor Laurie Koranski, Wendy Duke, Kate Amos and, of course, Betty Milne-Ward, who are all in the gallery today. They are great advocates for the road and I am with them in fighting for it. I am on their side.

Unfortunately, between 2012 and 2015 under the LNP no improvements were made to Waterford-Tamborine Road north of Yarrabilba. What is worse is that the 2014 budget brought down by the member for Clayfield contained nothing for this road for four years. Despite a plan to sell \$37 billion in state business, there was nothing for the infrastructure that was needed in Logan Village.

I knew that simply was not good enough. When I was elected, I immediately started fighting for more funding. I recognise the Minister for Main Roads in the chamber today. I thank him for his attendance. He is listening to the detail and understands the issues. In the 2015 budget this government brought forward the funding for the upgrades to the intersections between Hotz Road and Anzac Avenue. Now we are upgrading the road for the future by four-laning between those intersections. I knew that North Street remained a bottleneck and I took that issue to the minister. In the 2017-18 budget, \$8 million was allocated for the North Street intersection. I thank the minister for coming to the intersection, which is located right next to Woolworths, to see that intersection firsthand.

Today I met with a representative of the minister's office who committed to keeping the minister briefed along with Main Roads officers of the south coast and representatives of the local community, including the unstoppable Paul Casbolt and Councillor Laurie Koranski.

As a community team, we will continue to advocate for Logan Village and Yarrabilba and the Waterford-Tamborine Road. I am on their side in fighting for more services, better public transport and improvements to the road. I thank all of those who signed the petition. As a team, we will continue to advocate for road improvements. We know that we cannot risk another government not investing in Waterford-Tamborine Road, as the member for Clayfield's LNP government did. We must continue to improve the transport in this corridor and I am committed to that. I thank all of those in the gallery today. They are fighters for their area and I will be a fighter for them.