



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Bailey**


**MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Federal Budget, Roads**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (2.30 pm): The Palaszczuk government is a proud partner in the \$8.5 billion 10-year Bruce Highway upgrade program. In last night's federal budget we saw the announcement of more than \$800 million for the Bruce, including \$530 million between Pine Rivers and Caloundra. We understand the importance of this project and the need to continue to improve the Bruce Highway.

For the benefit of the House, I can clarify that this funding is not new funding—it is the reinvestment of savings that we have realised from other projects in the Bruce Highway upgrade program. The Palaszczuk government is already fast-tracking a joint planning study for the Bruce Highway Pine Rivers to Caloundra upgrade; however, it is yet to be finalised.

At this stage it is not clear whether this funding package will be enough to complete the works. It is also not clear how they reached the \$530 million given that no final design nor business case has been completed.

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Thank you one and all. We will wait.

**Mr McEachan** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Member for Redlands!

**Mr BAILEY:** Contrast that fact with the Turnbull government's excuse that they would not fund Cross River Rail because they did not have a business case which Queensland gave them 12 months ago. The Turnbull government has committed funding to the Bruce Highway upgrade, despite the planning and detailed design work being incomplete. Canberra also committed \$130 million for Rookwood Weir—wait for it—without a business case.

Cross River Rail is ready to go—the planning is done, the business case was sent to the federal government 12 months ago—and still the Turnbull government holds off on committing funding. All Queensland gets from Malcolm Turnbull is excuses, excuses and excuses. All Queensland gets is a no, no, no from 'Slowmo ScoMo'.

Regional Queensland is also disappointed about not getting our Northern Australia Roads Programme funding back for regional roads in North Queensland. Six months ago the Turnbull government ripped out of Queensland \$150 million in promised road funding under the Northern Australia Roads Programme in the 2016 federal budget. The federal government originally allocated \$375 million in NARP funding for Queensland, but they went back on their word giving us just \$223.8 million—a difference of \$150 million given to other states, mainly the Northern Territory.

This means projects like installing overtaking lanes or improving heavy vehicle safety on the Flinders Highway between Townsville and Charters Towers and stage 1 of the Cairns Airport access upgrade missed out. 'ScoMo' said no dough for Queensland there either! There is also a list of Queensland projects on Infrastructure Australia's priority list that did not receive funding, including the remaining sections of the Ipswich Motorway Rocklea to Darra upgrade, the Cunningham Highway Yamanto to Ebenezer/Amberley upgrade and other Brisbane to Gold Coast transport corridor upgrades. All we were after for Queensland from Canberra was a fair go from 'ScoMo', but he said no go.

**Mr Cripps** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock! Member for Hinchinbrook, you are warned under standing order 253A. I find your interjections designed to try to disrupt the speaker. If you persist, I will take the appropriate action.

**Mr BAILEY:** All we wanted was a fair go from 'ScoMo', but he said no go. He would rather visit Germany than visit the Sunshine State.