



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Bailey**


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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (5.41 pm): In response to the member for Toowoomba North, there is a 41-kilometre project yet the poor darling cannot find a spot to do his video. If that is the extent of his contribution here today, the government is not being challenged whatsoever.

It is ironic that we are talking about infrastructure, because we all know the opposition's view on infrastructure. They never saw infrastructure that they did not want to sell off and privatise. Let us look at their list for privatisation: the SunWater pipeline, Stanwell, CS Energy, Powerlink, Ergon, Energex, the Port of Townsville and the rail line, and the Gladstone port. That is their record. We know from this book that if the Leader of the Opposition gets half a chance he will go it again, privatise and sell off infrastructure. We know that that is what he wants to do.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Did the minister have a prop? Members, that is not an invitation to turn into a rabble. If it continues, I will consider the option of inviting the minister to start again.

**Mr BAILEY:** We know the record of the Leader of the Opposition. If he gets half a chance, he will privatise with the help of One Nation and his dodgy deals on the side. His is weak leadership. It is something that Queenslanders never endorsed at an election. They want our assets kept in public hands. They want our infrastructure kept in public hands. We know what their agenda is and we will be reminding Queenslanders of it at the next election. We will also be reminding them of his weak leadership and sly deals with One Nation. You can bet on that.

Let us get down to the tintacks when it comes to infrastructure. What sort of investments have we made in this state? Instead of selling off the Townsville port, we are investing in it with \$40 million allocated to the berth 4 project, creating a productive economy and jobs. We have funded the Ipswich Motorway project, which is almost underway. That is something that they could not achieve in three years in government. They ignored Ipswich and they ignored Springfield. They did nothing there.

For three years under the Newman-Nicholls government, we did not see a single new dollar spent on the M1. We have landed a better deal for Queensland to get the two upgrades going at the merge and down at Varsity Lakes and Mudgeeraba. We have allocated \$160 million for road infrastructure related to the Commonwealth Games. We are delivering infrastructure for the Gold Coast. It is no wonder that there are challenges to three sitting Gold Coast LNP members of parliament. That is an absolute record. There is an internal revolt because their Gold Coast members of parliament are so ineffective when it comes to delivering infrastructure. In fact, the outcome of the preselection in Broadwater will be very interesting, as we will see whether the Leader of the Opposition gets his way or whether he gets rolled by the backroom. Suddenly they are all very quiet over there. They know their record on infrastructure for the Gold Coast is pathetic.

The Palaszczuk government is delivering the Walkerston bypass. What did they do? Nothing! We are delivering the Logan upgrade with not a single public dollar. What did they deliver down there? Nothing! Did they deliver Riverway Drive? No! Did they deliver on the Mount Lindesay Highway? No! In fact, they cut funding to local government infrastructure. A line-up of mayors have complained to me about Tim Nicholls who, as treasurer, cut funds to local government. We have restored it to 92 per cent.

Let us look at cycling infrastructure. This morning a bevy of them were pretending to like cycling, but when in government with a record majority they cut cycling funding by \$98 million and called it gold plating. How hypocritical is that?

**Honourable members** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Pause the clock. Now we can all hear.

**Mr BAILEY:** In three years, they could not even get exit 54 or the Townsville ring-road going. When Western Queensland was going through drought, did they look after the roads? No! The Palaszczuk government allocated \$40 million under the western roads package. There is a clean energy boom going on in this state with 16 large-scale renewable projects. How many did they get done? None! Zero! Zip! In fact, they lost 1,300 jobs in three years, at a time when the world is transforming itself with clean energy infrastructure. That is an extraordinary achievement. There is \$2 billion worth of infrastructure coming into Queensland in renewable energy large-scale projects, but they did not deliver one. In fact, the Collinsville Power Station closed under their watch. What did they do? Nothing! They mothballed Swanbank E. They did absolutely nothing for it. Their policy on energy infrastructure is akin to investing in a biplane in the jet era. That is what they are about. They would rather have VHS or Beta than streaming. They would rather have rotary phones than a mobile phone. They would rather have a stagecoach—

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