




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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) (10.05 am): The Palaszczuk government is delivering road infrastructure across our state, creating jobs and connecting all Queenslanders. Our record \$20 billion four-year QTRIP program is supporting 15,900 jobs in our state. Over the last two budgets we have seen nearly \$7 billion in investment by the Palaszczuk government on road and transport infrastructure. That is more than 3,000 kilometres worth of road newly sealed and 250 kilometres of road constructed and rehabilitated.

We are getting the M1 upgrades funded at the merge and on the Gold Coast after three years of inaction by the LNP. We are getting the \$400 million Ipswich Motorway upgrade going—again, ignored by the LNP for three years—getting jobs going. There is the \$42 million Gregory Development Road north of Charters Towers and the \$74 million upgrade of exit 54 on the M1, started and finished by the Palaszczuk government. There is the Toowoomba to Oakey Warrego Highway upgrade—\$150 million for stage 2. The Palaszczuk government started and finished the Townsville ring-road. We are getting going on Riverway Drive within weeks—a great credit to the member for Thuringowa. We are also getting the \$384 million Bruce Highway section C Cooroy to Curra funded and constructed.

There is the Gateway Arterial north—\$1 billion worth of road. There is the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing and the \$512 million Logan Enhancement Project, which involves the Gateway extension and the Logan Motorway—half a billion dollars in investment with not a single taxpayer dollar, but we are getting that project going. Only last week I was at the sod-turning ceremony for the \$929 million upgrade of the Bruce Highway at the Caloundra Road and Sunshine Motorway interchanges. We are looking after Western Queensland with a \$40 million package. Again, Western Queensland was ignored by the previous government.

It is the Palaszczuk government that is creating jobs and delivering for Queensland after \$600 million being slashed from roads funding by the previous Newman-Nicholls government. No amount of chinos wearing or beer drinking or motorbike riding will get away from the fact that the member for Clayfield ratted on regional roads. He also cut the TIDS program by 37 per cent to the detriment of local governments right throughout this state. The Palaszczuk government has restored roads funding for local governments through the TIDS program—\$30 million per year, locked in for three years, working with local government, working for local jobs, working for local roads, and we will keep doing it.

The Palaszczuk government record is clear: we build and they cut. We know that they will do it again if they get the chance. This government will be announcing further road projects in our upcoming budget, creating and supporting Queensland jobs.