



Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR YEERONGPILLY

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Yeerongpilly Electorate

Mr SPEAKER: Before I call the Minister for Main Roads, I observe the member for Noosa in the gallery. I think I saw his wife up there. I welcome him and his guests to our sitting this evening. I now call my neighbouring colleague the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety, Biofuels et cetera.

Hon. MC BAILEY (Yeerongpilly—ALP) (Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply) (10.17 pm): Thank you, Mr Speaker. I accept the addition of 'et cetera' to my title.

It is an honour to be the member for Yeerongpilly in my first term in state parliament and to represent the people of fantastic suburbs like Tarragindi, Annerley, Yeronga, Fairfield, Moorooka, Yeerongpilly, Rocklea and Tennyson. Our first job in this place is to deliver to our electorates. In my electorate it has been a very active term. We have supported, for instance, the Tarragindi community with \$185,000 for the hall upgrade in 2015. We have had a \$150,000 grant recently to the Tarragindi Tigers in Minister de Brenni's area to build a clubhouse which they have been trying to do for many, many years. That is very well appreciated in the community. We have been able to put in the 40 kilometre per hour flashing lights at Cracknell Road near St Elizabeth's Primary School. We are nearly finished Veloway from Tarragindi to Buranda, which will be a bicycle freeway, cutting 10 minutes off cycling into the CBD. That is great for commuters and great for recreational cyclists.

I have also been very supportive of our community's opposition to high-density development at the Tarragindi Bowls Club. We are on the way to achieving that victory and keeping the low-density nature of Tarragindi in place. I am also advocating for a 40 kilometre an hour flashing light set in Weller Road outside Wellers Hill State School. Of course, the Palaszczuk government has also delivered \$720,000 for an upgrade at the 'Marymac' school at Annerley as part of their centenary celebrations. The PA Hospital at Annerley is the first digital large hospital in Australia.

In Yeronga we have invested more than \$2 million in the Yeronga State School's music block, a great asset for the local primary school kids at Yeronga. We are improving their road safety on School Road with a 40 kilometre an hour flashing light zone this financial year. I have been proud to stand up for Mojgan Shamsalipoor, the Yeronga State High School graduate who still faces having to be forcibly removed from this country, which is an outrage. I have been happy to have the second oval returned at Yeronga State High School from the Yeronga TAFE site. The permanent home for the Yeronga Community Centre will be on the old TAFE site as part of a future redevelopment with which we are genuinely engaging the community for good community outcomes.

We have also delivered \$80,000-odd to the Souths Rugby club to upgrade their field, something I am very proud of as well. In Yeerongpilly we are adding to open space in the Yeerongpilly Green and we are retaining heritage buildings there. I will continue to advocate for my community as the member for Yeerongpilly after having achieved a considerable amount already.