



Speech By  
**Hon. Cameron Dick**


**MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Building our Regions**

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (10.22 am): The Palaszczuk Labor government's Building our Regions program is doing just that: building and strengthening regional and rural communities across our state. The program has so far allocated \$225 million towards 174 critical infrastructure projects across 62 local governments creating more than 1,700 jobs in regional Queensland.

Recently, the Building our Regions program helped support the Central Highlands Regional Council to complete the \$8.5 million Carnarvon Gorge road upgrade, ensuring visitors will enjoy a safe trip to the well-renowned Carnarvon Gorge. This project created 25 jobs. The member for Callide will be glad to know that the Deep Creek Railway Bridge near Didcot has been replaced which created 13 jobs. Road users travelling between Gayndah and Mundubbera will have safer access thanks to the new two-lane concrete bridge which was funded through a \$2.2 million contribution from the Building our Regions program.

Ground has also been broken on the \$2.5 million Mingo Crossing Caravan Park redevelopment on the Burnett River just south of Bundaberg which generated seven jobs. The government contributed 50 per cent of the total cost of the project which will add another nine powered sites to the existing 12 as well as providing the first six glamping sites at the park, a second amenities block, a camp kitchen, additional parking and a playground. An additional 40 camping sites will also be made available through the redevelopment of open space along the north-east bank of the Burnett River. A total of 39 regional councils from Torres Shire to Bulloo have been short-listed for a share in \$70 million under the latest round of the Building our Regions program which will continue to strengthen and grow Queensland's vitally important regional communities.