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Mount Lindesay Highway

 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (6.26 pm): I was really pleased to join the member for Logan last week to release a major update to the transport plan focused on the Mount Lindesay Highway. The update of the 2010 *West Mt Lindesay development corridor major road network study* confirms that the Mount Lindesay Highway will remain a vital north-south road transport link for the Logan West area. The 2018 update takes into account the anticipated future population growth we will see in the region over the next 25 years.

The 2010 study was comprehensive, and the 2018 update builds on this and the significant amount of work we have seen since 2010, including the Mount Lindesay Highway Safety Review, the Logan West Area Transport Study and the Logan Enhancement Project. The 2018 update provides the community with a clear understanding of the upgrades that we have completed and those upgrades where we have committed funding. What is even clearer through this update is that over the next few years we will see investment of almost \$78 million by the Palaszczuk Labor government on the Mount Lindesay Highway, with the federal government providing just \$16 million of that funding.

I would like to pay credit to my colleague the member for Logan, who worked so hard to secure much of this funding in the last term of government. He has been a true champion of the Mount Lindesay Highway. When I was elected I pledged to work with him to continue fighting for further funding, and the community can feel confidence that they now have two members of parliament strongly advocating for the Mount Lindesay Highway and that we have a strong and supportive Minister for Transport and Main Roads in Minister Bailey.

We are progressing the North Maclean safety improvements which will fix that notoriously dangerous section, particularly at Greenbank Road. Work is underway, with vegetation being cleared and services currently being moved. We are also progressing the South Maclean safety upgrades, four-lane widening of Rosia Road to Stoney Camp Road, and Camp Cable Road to Johanna Street. We are starting the planning work of four lanes from Stoney Camp Road to Chambers Flat Road and Johanna Street to South Street.

The 2018 update goes even further. We now have a list of identified upgrades to the Mount Lindesay Highway through to 2028—seven identified upgrades that, forgive the pun, give us a clear road map for the Mount Lindesay Highway as we continue to push for more funding.

What we are keen to see is the Queensland LNP also support this future plan for the Mount Lindesay Highway and work with us in seeking additional funding from the federal LNP government for this major transport corridor. On 30 August the Leader of the Opposition visited our region and said to the local newspaper that it was time for the Queensland government to deliver a long-term solution to reduce congestion for motorists making the daily commute. We have that long-term solution. Here is the LNP's opportunity to support the forward plan for the Mount Lindesay and for our growing communities.