




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Mount Lindesay Highway

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (2.45 pm): I rise to speak today in Road Safety Week to inform the House of an announcement made on Tuesday with the Minister for Main Roads to make the Mount Lindesay Highway safer. This is a \$14 million further investment in saving lives and reducing car crashes. This project enhances safety on the Mount Lindesay Highway by upgrading the intersection of Stockleigh Road and building a service road to connect Casuarina Road and the houses on Wharf Street, eliminating that really dangerous intersection near the temple.

Before I tell the House more about this safety project, I would like to outline the other investments made by the Palaszczuk Labor government and also the failure to invest of the Newman LNP government. A lack of investment was signed off by the current member for Nanango when that member, now the LNP leader, was on the CBRC committee.

When I was elected in 2015 there was no forward investment in the roads budget for the Mount Lindesay Highway north of Jimboomba for the forward four years. There was nothing—zero. The LNP while in government added a paltry \$1 million to build new turn lanes that will soon be unused and they had planned no further investment at all. On being elected in 2015 I knew my job was to turn around this lack of investment and fight for a safer Mount Lindesay Highway. To do this, along with TMR we began consulting through the Mount Lindesay Highway Safety Review in 2015. Off the back of that consultation, Transport and Main Roads identified key areas to improve safety. In addition to this, as part of the Palaszczuk Labor government I voted to support the legislation to facilitate the Logan Motorway Enhancement Project, which is currently under construction and is projected to reduce accidents by 80 per cent at the intersection of the Logan Motorway and the Mount Lindesay Highway.

A government member interjected.

Mr POWER: It is good news. I notice the member for Stretton, who is also a great advocate for the improvements we have made to that intersection and also its connection to the Gateway Motorway. Further, we have made other investments. Honourable members should remember this is from a standing start, from zero. There was \$20 million to duplicate to four lanes the highway at Park Ridge South between Rosia Road and the Stoney Camp-Granger Road intersection. This is only a short section but it makes it much safer because 20 per cent of traffic exits there. There has also been \$20 million in funding for a service road between north of St Aldwyn Road through to Greenbank Road as well as an upgrade to the Greenbank Road intersection. There is also the Camp Cable Road intersection upgrade that has already been completed and uplifting between Camp Cable Road and Jimboomba.

Lastly, I have not had time to speak about it properly in the three minutes available to me, but the design is underway and the survey has already been completed. We will be putting in \$14 million to make the Stockleigh Road intersection safer to ensure this dangerous intersection, where sadly we recently had a facility, is getting the investment it deserves under the Palaszczuk Labor government, and I will continue to fight for more.

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