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Mount Lindesay Highway

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (6.26 pm): Recently in a really disappointing display of partisan politics the Leader of the Opposition, the member for Nanango, made misleading statements on her recent visit to Jimboomba about the Mount Lindesay Highway. It is vital that we do not play politics on this issue but, given that the member for Nanango has made such misleading statements, it is important that we examine the facts of investment on the Mount Lindesay Highway and correct the record.

Firstly, we need to look at the member for Nanango's own record when she was on the committee that had oversight over road investment. At that time in three budgets and projecting forward over seven years the LNP only added funding for two turning lanes in the Logan area of the Mount Lindesay Highway. QTRIP at page 26 shows only \$846,000 in new funding. This is in contrast to after I was elected and demanded more and was supported by the Minister for Main Roads.

We started the highway review to consult the public and identify projects. From this process we signalled and made safer the Camp Cable Road intersection and now there is funding for lifting and four laning the section between Camp Cable and Tamborine-Johanna Street. There is \$20 million for four laning the highway at Park Ridge South between the Rosia Road and Stoney Camp-Granger Road intersection and extra funding to put a service road north of St Aldwyn Road through to Greenbank Road and then to upgrade the dangerous Greenbank Road intersection. On top of that we have \$14 million for upgrades to Stockleigh Road which will also include service roads. That is over \$80 million versus \$846,000.

When the local newspaper pointed this out, the member for Nanango was not keen to talk about this comparison. The *Jimboomba Times* wrote—

Ms Frecklington said it was time to focus on the future.

The article continued—

'Let's stop worrying about the politics of the past,' the Member for Nanango said.

She might want Logan residents not to think about the member for Nanango's role in underfunding the Mount Lindesay Highway, but the people of Logan do not forget. They know this record of failure is an indication of how the LNP would act in the future. On the *Jimboomba Times* Facebook site there are comments from people like Rob such as—

I love the ... line 'let's forget about the past and focus on the future'. Really when they were in power and focused on what was needed we wouldn't be in this predicament now!

Another said—

They didnt do it while it was their problem, now its ok to pass the buck ...

Reg said—

Always calling for something they could have done.

We know it is a serious commitment and I will continue to fight for more funding. Together with the member for Jordan we have fixed up the intersections. Our next step together is to fight for a significant piece of four lane funding for the highway between those safer intersections. Together with the member for Jordan and with the support of the Minister for Main Roads, that is what we will be fighting for rather than misleading people about this very important issue.