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## ADJOURNMENT

### Mount Lindesay Highway

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.26 pm): I rise to speak about the *West Mt Lindesay Highway development corridor: major road network study* update. This vital road corridor serves a growing area that deserves a government that backs safety and upgrades. This update lays out a 10-year plan for the future. This important update affirms the 2011 plan. It is important to reaffirm this plan because it is this plan that was abandoned by the LNP. Locals in Logan cannot forget that immediately on coming to government the LNP cut \$182 million from the budget in the outyears to upgrade the Mount Lindesay Highway. Instead, it added only \$800,000 for two turning lanes and ignored dangerous intersections, flood problems, safety, four-laning and grade separation. In short, the LNP ignored Logan.

This government is returning to investing in the Mount Lindesay Highway, instituting the Mount Lindesay Highway safety review. From that process we have seen safer four-lane intersections built, under construction or budgeted at Camp Cable Road and Stockleigh Road; service roads either under construction or budgeted in North Maclean and at Camp Cable Road, all the way down to opposite Greenbank Road; and service lanes on both sides of the road at Stockleigh Road, providing safer access. We are doing vital four-lane sections from where the four lanes merge beyond Granger Road-Stoney Camp Road. This is vital because 20 per cent of the traffic exits there. The project should have been completed by the LNP government, but it was a victim of budget cuts. We have restored it to the budget.

We are also lifting and four-laning the section of road between Camp Cable Road and Johanna Street-Tamborine Street. This will reduce the incidence of Jimboomba being cut off by floodwaters and allow those going down to Tamborine Street to stay in the left lane all the way through from north of Camp Cable Road.

There is also a massive investment in the Logan Enhancement Project, which will create service roads directly from the Gateway to the Mount Lindesay without having to merge onto the Logan Motorway before exiting almost immediately. It effectively extends the Gateway onto the Mount Lindesay.

I am the first to say that there is more to be done on this vital road in this growing area. This plan identifies new projects for the future. We have already done vital work to make the intersections safer and put in the service lanes ready for four-laning and separation. I will be fighting for the funding for four-laning. I am also calling on the federal government to join in funding the Mount Lindesay. It is a vital interstate freight road that has been ignored for too long. What we cannot go back to is an LNP state government that will once again—as it did before—cut funding for the Mount Lindesay Highway. If I am there, I will not let them do that.