




Speech By
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Miller Electorate

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (7.33 pm): It is a great honour to be re-elected to this chamber in the new seat of Miller and I would like to make a report on a range of issues that affect my electorate. I was very gratified and honoured to receive a one per cent primary swing and a 2.4 per cent two-party preferred swing in Miller.

One of the key reasons is that so much is going on under the Palaszczuk government in my electorate. Of course, Cross River Rail will be transformative. It is something we have needed for a long time, not just in the city of Brisbane but also in South-East Queensland. The Ipswich Motorway project early works are already underway, with heavy works soon to start. There is the Veloway project now open from Tarragindi to Buranda, saving cyclists 10 minutes, a bicycle freeway and another stage of the missing link from Gaza Road to Birdwood Road that will be complete by the end of next year.

We have the Yeronga TAFE college, the old college that was dormant for eight or nine years, which will be redeveloped in consultation with the community. That process is progressing very well and is very positive. People certainly feel good about being involved in that process in a genuine way.

We have the Fairfield station upgrade for disability access yet to come. This represents a commitment by the Palaszczuk government and is something welcomed by the people of Fairfield and Annerley. The Graceville station full accessibility upgrade was opened in September last year and is something which the people of Graceville very much support. At the moment, we are completing the murals and involving some new photographs of the area from local residents which will be part of that. I committed to widen the underpass at Oxley Road on the border of Corinda and Sherwood. We need the city council to become involved in that process, because it is a bottleneck that needs to be dealt with. There is a lot going on in traffic in my constituency and there is a lot to come.

We also back our schools. There is a \$2.2 million new block at Yeronga State School. We helped Wellers Hill State School with its multipurpose hall worth \$185,000 in the last term. There are flashing light sets outside St Elizabeth State School in Tarragindi, at Moorooka State School just outside the electorate and at Graceville State School to ensure the safety of schoolchildren. There were grants of \$150,000 for important sporting clubs, namely, the Tarragindi Tigers clubhouse and field restoration by Sherwood AFL. Of course, I stood very firmly against the city council approving high-density development of five storeys in the low-density Tarragindi area and will continue to do so. The key is positive reform and positive projects. That is my focus in Miller and it will continue to be throughout this term.