



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Bailey**


**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

### **Budget, Transport and Main Roads**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (9.54 am): For the third year in a row the Palaszczuk government is delivering record spending in road and transport infrastructure right across the state, with a \$21.7 billion investment over the next four years. This massive investment in roads, rail, marine, passenger and active transport infrastructure will also support about 19,200 direct jobs in Queensland. In the month after Queensland's population reached five million, this investment will help prepare our state for population growth well into the future.

In the 2018-19 financial year we will invest more than \$4.4 billion in our road networks, boosting productivity, creating jobs and fostering economic growth. Compared to last year, funding from the federal LNP government has been cut, from \$8.1 billion to \$7.6 billion—a 6.2 per cent reduction by Canberra. However, it has been offset in this budget by a 10 per cent increase by the state Palaszczuk Labor government. In fact, the \$700 million increase in this year's QTRIP is 100 per cent due to the Palaszczuk Labor government's increased investment in infrastructure. Importantly, it delivers on our election commitments.

From Pasha Road in Moranbah to the Newell Beach boat ramp, from Johanna Street on the Mount Lindesay Highway to the upgrade of the Peachester and Old Gympie Road intersection on the Sunshine Coast, this budget delivers on our election commitments right across the state. It demonstrates our commitment to the busiest road in Queensland, the M1, with almost \$900 million committed to upgrades between Varsity Lakes and Tugun, and Eight Mile Plains and Daisy Hill, following on from the two major upgrades that are currently underway. It also shows our ongoing commitment to upgrading the Bruce Highway, from South-East Queensland to Far North Queensland.

We are also ensuring that important rail upgrade projects across Queensland Rail's statewide network remain on track, with nearly \$22 million committed next financial year to continuing the capacity upgrade on the north coast rail line between Townsville and Rockhampton; and there is an additional \$50 million on the Mount Isa to Townsville rail line on top of the existing \$20 million in 2018-19, which will increase the productivity, reliability and efficiency of freight transport along this important rail line.

As part of our \$300 million station accessibility upgrade program, \$33 million is allocated this financial year to progress detailed designs at Cannon Hill, Albion, East Ipswich, Fairfield, Dakabin, Loganlea and Buranda stations, and we will continue to see progress on major construction already underway at Morayfield, Strathpine and Boondall stations.

It is clear: the Palaszczuk Labor government is continuing to invest in and build the transport solutions for Queensland, not just for today but also for the future.