



Speech By  
**Hon. Mark Bailey**


**MEMBER FOR MILLER**

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**ADDRESS-IN-REPLY**

Resumed from 5 September.

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (11.31 am), continuing: This has been a government of social reform. We believe in acting on climate change. We believe in keeping the 'great' in the Great Barrier Reef through renewable energy, electric vehicles and reducing emissions. We are getting ready for the wave of technological change that is coming.

After the previous LNP government did nothing, we acted on the tow truck sharks and passed legislation. This government has been pro jobs, pro environment, pro Barrier Reef, pro social reform, pro infrastructure, pro education and pro health because we have had strong leadership from the Premier and Deputy Premier. Fifty per cent of our cabinet and party room are women, which is reflective of the population. I am very proud to be in a government that reflects our community in that way. We have been a balanced government at a time when women in the Liberal Party are losing preselection to the federal parliament.

We have also been a government that is keen on dealing with the massive disruptions that are happening in various markets. We have seen a massive explosion in information technology capacity through supercomputing and the cloud. We are seeing massive changes in energy through technological change. Autonomous vehicles are developing very rapidly. You have to be interested in technology if you are serious about the economy. This government has done that and it continues to do that. I am very proud to play a role in that.

One thing you do not do is let extremists in the tent if you are serious about the economy and jobs. One of the great failures of the opposition was to flirt with One Nation at the last election. Queenslanders do not respect weak leadership, and that is what we got from those opposite. I acknowledge the defeat of the member for Hinchinbrook, who paid the price for flirting with One Nation. Queenslanders did not back the weak leadership they were getting from the member for Clayfield. I note that the member for Clayfield melted down three times last week on MF radio and morning TV as pressure mounted about flirting with those extremists, One Nation. That is weak leadership. All they got from Labor was strong leadership on the economy, jobs and keeping that sort of thing out. The people of Queensland backed us for it.

We also have the Marine Infrastructure Fund. With so much coastline in Queensland, boat ramps and marine infrastructure are very important. We have been happy to play a role in that. Since then we have launched the War on Wrecks task force with the member for Redlands as the chair. I look forward to working with her to get those environmental eyesores and threats out of our waterways right up the coast. I am very proud of the rail trail program that I brought in last year. The rail trail presents many opportunities for redundant rail lines right up the coast, which I think is a tremendous economic opportunity for this state.

**Mr Minnikin** interjected.

**Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Chatsworth, your repeated interjections are not being taken.

**Mr BAILEY:** All we get from the opposition is rhyming, not policy. It is quite juvenile.

We have also acted on road safety. We have introduced double demerit points for repeated mobile phone use while driving, motorcycle license reform and our Co-Lab Youth Innovation Challenge, where young people design road safety campaigns for young people. It has had more than eight million hits on the web. We have been tough on speeding and we will continue to be tough on speeding. You cannot be serious about reducing the road toll if you go weak on speeding enforcement. That is the type of weak leadership we get from the member for Nanango, who wants to go back and loosen up on speeding enforcement. That would mean more crashes, more people injured and more fatalities. It is a pathetic piece of leadership from those opposite. They should be working in a bipartisan manner to increase road safety across Queensland roads.

That includes managed motorways technology. We have seen a reduction in rear-end crashes of 50 per cent on the Bruce Highway coming into Brisbane as a result of that. There has been a reduction in the peak hour by half, and we have seen hospitalisations fall by more than half because we use good technology for road safety outcomes. During the Commonwealth Games the traffic plan was very, very successfully executed despite the doomsaying of those opposite, who were embarrassed to see their predictions did not come true. Because they did not develop any policy, they had no idea what they were talking about. We delivered a very successful traffic plan.

I will turn to a number of local issues I would like to cover. The veloway project is a fantastic project for the south side of Brisbane. This dedicated separated cycleway all the way into the CBD will encourage people to get out of their cars and onto their cycles to commute. The section that was opened in December last year from Buranda to Tarragindi saves about 10 minutes and has created huge benefits. It is much safer because you avoid major streets like Juliet Street and Cornwall Street. We will complete the next section at Tarragindi and there will be bridges over the notorious Marshall Road intersection, Gaza Road off-ramp and the road underneath to the Holland Park West busway.

I am very proud of that project. It will help ease bus congestion, and that means a healthier community. We have to treat cycling infrastructure as an important part of our transport network and not as gold plating, as those opposite would have us think. I look forward to that being completed towards the end of next year. I know that Tarragindi, Holland Park West and other communities beyond in the electorates of the member for Toohey, the member for Mansfield and the member for Greenslopes will welcome this project enormously.

I want to make a few comments in support of Mojgan Shamsalipoor, a Yeronga State High School graduate who has gone through an incredibly difficult process attempting to gain residency in Australia. In terms of a decision, Mojgan has been continually put back by federal minister Dutton. She is much loved in the community. She has been here for many, many years and is married to an Australian resident, yet she has been treated extremely shabbily and poorly by Peter Dutton and the federal government.

We have seen that if you are an au pair—a nanny—and you know somebody who knows somebody in the federal LNP government, you get waived through. That is a disgrace. It shows preferential treatment by the federal LNP government. They do not care about people's welfare. Mojgan Shamsalipoor would make an enormous contribution to this community—she already does—and they should give people who need help and assistance the approvals they need to formally become part of our community when they already are. The au pair scandal around Peter Dutton shows how partial and unfair the federal government is on these matters.

We are investing heavily in addressing traffic issues and in transport on the south side. We are delivering the Ipswich Motorway upgrade. We have upgraded the Graceville station. We are developing plans for the Fairfield station upgrade. We are delivering Cross River Rail, which will benefit every rail station in my electorate of Miller. We want to see action from the Brisbane City Council on a second bridge over the Brisbane River at the location of Walter Taylor Bridge.

The Brisbane City Council does nothing about traffic and congestion on the south side, particularly in Graceville, Chelmer and Sherwood. It needs to start listening to the community instead of ignoring it. Its only contribution has been to increase density and traffic at Sherwood without investing in transport infrastructure.

The Palaszczuk government is taking action at Sumners Road and is undertaking the planning necessary to build another bridge at Centenary. I know that matter is dear to your heart, Madam Deputy Speaker Pugh. We are doing the heavy lifting. The LNP and City Hall are doing absolutely nothing.

**Mr Minnikin:** BCC is building Brisbane Metro.

**Mr BAILEY:** The Metro will be of no benefit to this side of the city. The member for Chatsworth has no idea what he is talking about.

I absolutely support a 40-kilometre-per-hour zone on Ipswich Road alongside Annerley shopping centre. This safety measure would be tremendous for people in this area of high pedestrian and traffic use. I support the campaign of the school kids and parents at Junction Park State School for a 40-kilometre-per-hour zone. We saw on TV last week that the Brisbane City Council did not even realise it was their road. How embarrassing! Ipswich Road has been a BCC controlled road for over a decade. Brisbane City Council needs to start listening to and connecting with the community. I support my Annerley community very strongly in that regard.

It is an honour to be a member of this place. I will always give my 100 per cent commitment to be part of this very in-touch, delivering Labor government. I look forward to working throughout the rest of the term.

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