



Speech By  
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## **ADJOURNMENT**

### **Sunshine Coast, Transport Infrastructure**

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (7.20 pm): The \$550 million Sunshine Coast rail duplication and future Bruce Highway widening to and from the Sunshine Coast are important priorities for a fast-growing region. I can report to the House that last week I met with Mr Andrew Wallace, the federal LNP member for Fisher, to discuss these projects. It is a fact that the Palaszczuk government has submissions for urgent Bruce Highway upgrades, including one for the rail, awaiting federal government approvals.

A submission made in July to the then Turnbull government included a request for funding to complete planning for a 10-kilometre section between Deception Bay Road and Caboolture-Bribie Island Road. The Palaszczuk government also requested the federal LNP government to unlock funding for widening and upgrading an 11-kilometre section of the Bruce Highway between Caboolture and Steve Irwin Way, which also still awaits a response. This request was sent to the federal government in September. Not only does the Beerburrum to Nambour rail duplication continue to be underfunded by \$230 million by the federal government, but the now Morrison government simply need to release federal money they have already committed to the Beerburrum to Nambour duplication project so that we can accelerate work on this Sunshine Coast project.

While Queensland's view remains that Canberra need to allocate their fair share and top up their original commitment to meet the cost of \$780 million, we just need them to unlock the money they have already agreed to for this project. These requests have been gathering dust on Canberra desks—with their internal turmoil, leadership changes and divisions—but Mr Wallace fortunately committed to lobby his federal minister to get these three matters unblocked at our recent meeting. With so much turmoil in Canberra in the last few months and a new Prime Minister and ministers, it is clear that these Sunshine Coast projects have been forgotten about, including during the recent ScoMo bus trip by the Prime Minister where he bussed into the Sunshine Coast but flew out on the federal government's private jet.

I am very pleased that the federal MP for Fisher, Mr Wallace, has agreed to shake out these already made commitments from a shambolic Morrison government to get things moving. I look forward to hearing positive news in the future. It is very frustrating to say the least, as the Minister for Transport, to see these projects ignored by Canberra. Sunshine Coast residents deserve to see infrastructure funding already committed by Canberra flowing to build the transport infrastructure Sunshine Coast residents need and to create the Sunshine Coast jobs that local workers want.

**Mr Powell** interjected.

**Mr BAILEY:** I note the interjections from the member for Glass House, who sat for three years at the cabinet table in the Campbell Newman government and did not even get the business case commenced for the rail duplication. We have more than half a billion dollars flowing and we want to see them start.