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Dr ROBINSON (Oodgeroo—LNP) (7.25 pm): The Green Camp Road corridor project is important to the motorists of Wellington Point, Birkdale, Ormiston and northern Redland City in general, so the update late last week from the Brisbane City Council and the Commonwealth Government regarding the upgrade was well received by local Redland City residents. The final designs have now been released for this much needed \$30 million upgrade to road infrastructure. The Green Camp Road corridor was a major election commitment by the federal LNP government to the thousands of residents of the suburbs of Redland City who use this route to go about their business on a daily basis.

For many years my constituents have voiced deep concerns about ongoing heavy traffic congestion and safety aspects with this stretch of road, so this upgrade will not only ease traffic congestion but it will also help support the future population growth of Redland City. Further benefits in terms of productivity will ensue for commuters, employers and the economy. It is a big win for all. It is estimated that the project will cut travel times for motorists substantially, leaving more time to spend with family or enjoying additional leisure time.

There will be an upgrade of the Tilley Road intersection along with major improvements to the Green Camp Road and Rickertt Road intersection. The intersection upgrade will improve traffic flows at the western end of Rickertt Road. Heading north, the road section between Rickertt Road and Manly Road will be widened to two lanes heading in both directions with plans for three lanes for the Tilley Road intersection. Safety concerns will be alleviated by the upgrade.

There have been 57 crashes within the space of seven years along these roads, with over 80 per cent of those resulting in injury to persons that required some form of medical treatment. Native wildlife groups will be happy with the design, as it includes fauna exclusion fencing, rope crossing, gliding poles and dedicated underpasses. Construction is expected to commence in the middle of this year with an estimated completion date of mid-2019.

This shows what can be achieved when two levels of government work cooperatively together to upgrade important infrastructure for the benefit of local communities. I take this opportunity to commend LNP federal members Ross Vasta and Andrew Laming and the Liberal National Party Brisbane City Council deputy mayor Adrian Schrinner and Doboy ward councillor Ryan Murphy for their tireless efforts and dedication in seeing this project come to fruition. The LNP at all levels is moving road projects forward, unlike state Labor which is stalled in our region. This state government does have other opportunities with roads in our region with the Shore and Wellington streets intersection, Cleveland Redland Bay Road and other road infrastructure.