




Speech By
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 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (2.55 pm): This time last week on Thursday, 21 March 2019 I was humbled to acknowledge my 10th anniversary as the member for Glass House. It was 10 years ago that the constituents of Glass House first put their faith in a much younger, less hirsute, perhaps a tad leaner—truthfully, a lot leaner—version of me. I was humbled to be elected a member of parliament but more so to represent the communities of the Glass House electorate was, is and always will be an honour beyond compare.

To the residents of the electorate of Glass House, I take very seriously my role as your member of parliament. I try to listen, to deliver and to speak up on your behalf. We may not have always agreed, but hopefully when we have not I have been respectful in conveying why. At the forefront I have worked hard to succeed, and in many cases have succeeded, in delivering for our communities.

When I first sought election I vowed to make the D'Aguilar Highway safer. Well, 10 years later, with the financial support of the former federal member for Longman, Wyatt Roy MP, I have largely achieved that: two new eastbound overtaking lanes between Woodford and Wamuran; safety upgrades at Canando Street, Woodford, and through the township of D'Aguilar itself; a new pedestrian crossing in Woodford; and welcomed speed limit changes at the Rangeview Estate, Wamuran. Is there more to do on the highway? You bet. An on ramp at King Street, Moodlu, and lights at the intersection of Campbells Pocket Road are just two improvements we still need.

I have secured traffic lights on Steve Irwin Way at both Bowen Road and Reed Street, Glass House Mountains. We will soon be seeing the signalisation of Kilcoy-Beerwah Road and Old Gympie Road at Beerwah. We put in pedestrian crossings in Montville, a new flood-proof bridge over the Mary River at Conondale and flashing school zone lights across the electorate.

Again, is there more to do? Absolutely. I am still fighting for upgrades to Maleny-Kenilworth Road at Cambroon and from Maleny to Witta. I am working with the community of Ocean View to secure upgrades to Mount Mee Road heading to Dayboro, and we desperately need flashing school lights at Peachester and Glass House Mountains state schools. The north coast rail duplication is getting closer to commencing and will be completed when Deb Frecklington and the LNP are elected in October 2020 because we will end the blame game and stump up the 50 per cent of funding needed to make it a reality.

Building infrastructure is necessary and rewarding, but the real highlight of the job has been working with the myriad of sporting, cultural and community groups around the electorate. Securing funding for soccer, cricket, netball, rugby league, touch footy, tennis, croquet, bridge rugby union, chorale societies, RSLs, service organisations, schools, scouts and show societies—to name just a few—has always brought a smile to my face. Again, there are many projects still to be done—one being the Joyce Newton Memorial Indoor Aquatic Centre at Maleny which is particularly high on my list of 'to dos'.

Time will not permit me to list everything we have achieved over the past 10 years or what is still to achieve, so let me conclude by saying thank you. To the constituents of Glass House, thank you for your trust, your support and your friendship over the past 10 years.