




Speech By
Hon. Cameron Dick

MEMBER FOR WOODRIDGE

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 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.51 am): Our Premier has fought long and hard to get Queensland's fair share of infrastructure funding, and last week it paid off. The Premier's agreement with the Prime Minister brings certainty to vital infrastructure projects in Queensland and, more importantly, it will help create more Queensland jobs. Up and down Queensland people are welcoming this deal. I note the member for Gaven welcomed funding for the Gold Coast Light Rail along with more funding for the M1, as did the member for Aspley who, after a long local campaign, secured the commitment to upgrade the Linkfield Road overpass—a project also championed by the member for Pine Rivers and other north side MPs. I know the members for Mackay, Yeppoon and Rockhampton, Cairns, Cook and Ipswich West welcome more federal funding for roads in their regions after fighting so hard for so long, and it is not just members on this side of the House. The member for Bonney proudly stood with our Minister for Transport and welcomed additional funding for the Gold Coast Light Rail project.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr DICK: Any elected official in this state who understands infrastructure supports this deal.

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Mr DICK: Any elected official who supports their community supports this deal.

Mr SPEAKER: Order, members! Minister, please resume your seat. Members, we have ministerial statements. This is not question time.

Mr DICK: Any elected official who knows what they are doing welcomes more federal infrastructure funding for Queensland. As the member for Woodridge and the chair of the government's Social Infrastructure Ministerial Committee, I am particularly pleased to welcome Commonwealth support for our plan to relocate the Loganlea train station in the city of Logan. Through the Social Infrastructure Ministerial Committee, we have been working hard with the Logan City Council and across government to bring this plan to fruition. The relocation of the Loganlea station will allow us to activate the Meadowbrook precinct, make hospital and TAFE more accessible, particularly for public transport users, attract private sector investment and make it a centre for innovation and wellbeing for the Logan community. It is a great example of our infrastructure program delivering for Queensland and it is a testament to the Palaszczuk Labor government growing our capital spend and bringing home the deals that deliver more jobs and more infrastructure for Queensland.