




Speech By
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TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Report, Motion to Take Note

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (3.21 pm): We have heard from other speakers today about the funding of the Mount Lindesay Highway. I feel duty-bound to stand up and correct the record and point out some of the minister's commitments to the Mount Lindesay Highway and what has been done.

I remind those in this House and the community that relies on the Mount Lindesay Highway that in 2011 major works were underway on the Chambers Flat Road overpass and Stoney Camp Road as well as the great separation. At that time some \$182 million in the outyears—the four- to 10-year budgets—was dedicated to the Mount Lindesay Highway.

Then we can look at the first budget of the LNP government. We heard the minister's interjection previously that \$600 million was cut across the state. That amount disappeared from QTRIP in the LNP budget. Member for Albert, that was \$182 million cut from the Mount Lindesay Highway and this growing area. We heard one member say that the government should plan for the growth in that area. They accelerated the growth in the area and cut the budget for the Mount Lindesay Highway. Under Minister Bailey we are seeing that funding restored.

The Logan Enhancement Project is bearing fruit already. The lane from the Gateway Motorway to the Mount Lindesay Highway is already in place. There have been improvements at that intersection as well as to the vital right turn going west to Ipswich that the member for Stretton talked about.

At the moment we are also building the North Maclean safety project as well as the South Maclean safety project. We are improving safety for 14 separate driveways and roads that use that area for right turns. None of this was done under the LNP government. As we know, they cut \$182 million from the budget.

Further, we are four-laning the Mount Lindesay Highway from Rosia Road to Stoney Camp Road and improving the off ramp at Granger Road. This will make it safer because 20 per cent of traffic exits there. We are also lifting the highway at Camp Cable Road—where we have already improved the intersection—and making four lanes all the way through to the beginning of Jimboomba.

It is vital that this House knows that we are getting back to funding the Mount Lindesay Highway. It is vital that the House knows that \$182 million was cut from the Mount Lindesay Highway under the LNP government. The last thing we should do is go back to an LNP government because it would mean less for the Mount Lindesay Highway and other roads in the area.