




Speech By
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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (9.54 am): Last week I had the pleasure of joining the Premier, the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister and Palaszczuk government ministers and MPs on the side of one of our four major M1 upgrades that we have funded to announce an historic \$1.9 billion deal for roads, rail and thousands of Queensland jobs. Queensland secured half of a \$3.8 billion nationwide week of announcements of funding. Together with the Premier, members on this side of the chamber have been calling for a better deal for Queensland. As mentioned by the Minister for State Development, the members for Aspley and Pine Rivers have called on Canberra for the Linkfield Road overpass. The member for Cook pushed for road funding to be brought forward in Cape York on the Peninsula Developmental Road. The member for Ipswich West called for acceleration of funding on the Warrego at Mount Crosby. The members for Macalister and Gaven have called for fair federal funding for certain M1 exits, to name but a few.

The Prime Minister heard the Palaszczuk government loud and clear. As the Premier always says, we work best when we work together. This \$1.9 billion infrastructure jobs deal will see projects and jobs fast-tracked and new funding for Queensland. It means \$836 million to deliver roads sooner and \$400 million in new road funding on the National Land Transport Network. It means thousands more Queenslanders will get a job, adding to the 223,000 jobs already created by the Palaszczuk government since 2015. The Palaszczuk government has already delivered four record road transport budgets in five years, and this adds to that. We have already secured—

Mrs Wilson interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Pumicestone, cease your interjections.

Mr BAILEY: They do not like it, Mr Speaker. I have only good news to announce, and those opposite interject and criticise.

Mr SPEAKER: Thank you, Minister.

Mrs Wilson interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Member for Pumicestone, you are warned under the standing orders. I asked you to cease your interjections.

Mr BAILEY: We have already secured a record pipeline of works, with \$23 billion worth of road and transport infrastructure across Queensland, with \$14½ billion coming to regional Queensland. By working with the federal government and not taking the first deal on the table, like those opposite meekly would have done, Queenslanders will now see a \$709 million Gold Coast Light Rail stage 3, close to \$200 million to upgrade M1 exit 41 and exit 49, and more than \$90 million to relocate the Loganlea station closer to the hospital and the TAFE college. There is \$282 million in joint funding brought forward on the Bruce Highway, including the Mackay Ring Road stage 2; the \$97½ million acceleration of Cape York roads between Cooktown and Weipa; and thousands of regional jobs with inland rail.

When we get an unfair deal on roads and rail, it means less state funding for our schools and hospitals in Queensland. That is why the Palaszczuk government will always fight for our fair share from Canberra, unlike those opposite who did not and then they criticised it when we delivered. I want to acknowledge everyone involved in negotiating this outcome including the Premier, the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, the Deputy Premier, their officers and officers from Transport and Main Roads and their federal counterparts. I give a special thank you to the Deputy Prime Minister and his office who have worked very closely with this government on this deal. This historic agreement will mean more jobs for Queenslanders, reduced travel times, less congestion, more roads and transport infrastructure, and jobs for our growing state. How could any right-minded person criticise that?