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 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.03 pm): What a tremendous year it has been in the electorate of Pine Rivers, and I want to highlight a couple of astounding achievements, some of which have been achieved in the last week. Some really big milestones and projects have been happening in the Pine Rivers electorate. We have been undergoing the removal of a roundabout and two signalised pedestrian crossings on Gympie Road and Dixon Street. On Monday morning, the green lights for go were turned on at that intersection. Those lights are now operational at Dixon Street. It is a wonderful transformative project that is happening on Gympie Road in Strathpine just outside the Strathpine centre, which we now know throughout 2020 will be undergoing a major renovation itself. The strip, as we fondly call it, at Strathpine is entirely lifted through this project, and it is so wonderful to see that happening. We received zero complaints from commuters through this process this year of taking out the roundabout, so I want to say thank you to my community for their patience and thank you to TMR for the delivery of the project.

We have also had Canberra come to the party on the north side of Brisbane. Along with the member for Aspley, we have been lobbying for Linkfield Road to be duplicated. The federal members went to the last election promising they would do this. They never said that the money would be available in 2026. We have been pushing very hard to see that funding brought forward. We have already locked in funding for a northbound slip lane but we wanted to ensure that we had some long-term solutions there, and that comes in a duplication for the overpass. That is good news that the federal government has listened. I say thank you to Minister Bailey, the member for Miller; I say thank you to the Premier, Annastacia Palaszczuk; and I say thank you to Scott Morrison as well for—

Mr Boothman: What?

Ms BOYD: Thank you to Scott Morrison for listening to our community and bringing that project forward. We had so many people sign on through our campaign and it was fantastic to see cooperation at last from Scott Morrison because we do not see it in federal members Peter Dutton or Luke Howarth.

Finally, there was a fantastic announcement on Monday for my school communities which will see every state school in the Pine Rivers electorate have air conditioning in every learning space. We know cooler schools are going to result in better learning outcomes. The LNP members have an eight-year plan that is completely unfunded. We know they cannot be trusted with the budget. We know they cannot be trusted with our kids' futures. It is fantastic to have this project delivered.

Lastly, I would like to thank my colleagues here, my family and friends and the community of Pine Rivers for supporting me this year. It has been a big year with the birth of my daughter. I will definitely enjoy spending Christmas with her this year.