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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Bancroft Electorate, Road Infrastructure**

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (3.04 pm): I am very pleased to say that the Palaszczuk government is about to start two road infrastructure projects in Deception Bay. We are about to commence an upgrade of the Morris Road intersection at one end of Deception Bay Road, and at the other end we are going to start initial works for the \$150 million Deception Bay Road overpass. The Morris Road intersection upgrade is a \$6 million project that will widen the intersection to three lanes either way and build a new bike link to the Rothwell station. That builds on the \$37.5 million Rothwell intersection project, of which we funded 60 per cent after the federal government reneged on their 60 per cent. We will soon see orange shirts and yellow machines down at the interchange next to the highway. This overpass over the highway is an 80-20 funded project with the federal government. I thank the member for Morayfield and the member for Kurwongbah for their help in getting this. It will be great for all of our areas.

This is in very stark contrast to what the LNP delivered last time they were in government. The LNP's record in Deception Bay was woeful. They promised to deliver the Deception Bay bus station over two budgets but they never did. When I got there, all there was were two pop-up pergolas on the road. In 12 months we delivered that project and we did it \$800,000 under budget. That is just the start of what Labor has delivered for Deception Bay roads. Since 2015 we have done \$11 million worth of projects on Deception Bay Road, including the Morris Road project, compared to just \$369,000 worth of projects done on Deception Bay Road by the LNP in their term.

We see that contrast all over the state. Across Queensland, the Palaszczuk government has delivered \$14.8 billion for road and transport projects. We are tackling congestion and supporting local jobs. What is the LNP's record on jobs? They cut \$600 million from road funding. They wasted more than \$30 million of road funding on preparing Queensland ports to be sold. They cut 1,000 jobs from the Department of Transport and Main Roads, which was 22 per cent of the department. They cut 1,000 jobs from RoadTek and \$30 million in annual funding from the TIDS program.

Why is it that Labor can keep on delivering these projects in Deception Bay? Because we provide good economic management. I know that those opposite do not want to hear that. We are on track to deliver five budget surpluses. I wonder what the Prime Minister of Australia would like to do with that kind of record. Our debt is lower than the LNP left it, and we are keeping the economy bubbling along with a \$49.5 billion infrastructure pipeline.