



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR BANCROFT**

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## ADJOURNMENT

### Bancroft Electorate, Infrastructure

 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (7.32 pm): Today we have heard about the unite and recover plan from the Palaszczuk government. That plan is about how we invest in infrastructure, invest in buying Queensland products and invest in our business and industry to put us on the road to recovery from COVID-19. I can see no better illustration of that plan and outlook than what is happening to infrastructure in Bancroft. I am talking about the Deception Bay Road overpass and Deception Bay Road.

Work on the Deception Bay Road overpass has started. They have started the drilling and geotechnical work, boundary realignment, clearing and service relocation. There is \$30 million coming from the state for that. Overall, \$80 million will be spent on Deception Bay Road from end to end during our term of government. That includes \$7 million for Morris Road, and that work is happening at the moment; \$37 million on the Rothwell intersection; and \$6 million generally on Deception Bay Road. That compares to just \$369,000 that was spent on Deception Bay Road during the term of the last LNP government.

Bearing this in mind, the question is: what is the LNP's plan for Bancroft and for Queensland? They said they have a plan for the Bruce Highway. I point out that the planning and works have already started on a lot of those projects. There is \$66 million being spent between Caboolture and Steve Irwin Way. The Moreton Connector is a \$2.1 billion project, and planning and early design has started for that.

I see no LNP candidate for Bancroft either. They keep asking people to run and they keep saying no.

**Ms Pease:** You're too good a member.

**Mr WHITING:** I thank the member for Lytton. I cannot blame them though. Why would they want to sign up with a mob that has won only one election since Joh Bjelke-Petersen was premier? Why would they sign up with a team that does not realise that COVID-19 is the enemy, not other Queenslanders? That reflects on what the Leader of the Opposition said yesterday.

If we look at the LNP's plans for Queensland and for Bancroft, it is very clear that they do not have the ability, they do not have the capacity, they do not have the empathy and they do not have the unity to be trusted to rebuild the Queensland economy. It is the ALP that has the plan. We are seeing that plan already taking us on the road to recovery from COVID-19. It is very clear to Queenslanders that they should not trust this mob opposite to lead us out of this crisis.