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 **Ms RICHARDS** (Redlands—ALP) (2.34 pm): The Cleveland Redland Bay Road has been at the centre of broken LNP promises for over a decade. I am pleased to say that I am not promising; I am getting on with the job of delivering the duplication of the Cleveland Redland Bay Road—part of our Palaszczuk government's plan to duplicate the road starting with stage 1 of the \$60 million duplication at Anita Street.

I would like to tell the House why we cannot trust the LNP. They make promises and they break promises. Their track record on this road speaks volumes. In 2014 under Campbell Newman, with the member for Nanango at his side, they cut funding committed to the Anita Street intersection with Cleveland Redland Bay Road. Not only did they cut the committed funding, the then member for Redlands went on to report to the community in the local paper that the government had no plans to look at Cleveland Redland Bay Road until 2025. That is right—2025, five years away. I table that article.

Tabled paper: Media article, undated, titled 'Long wait likely for Cleveland-Redland Bay Road upgrade' [1375](#).

In 2016, just before the local government elections, the mayor of Redlands went on to promise to fix the Cleveland Redland Bay Road. I table her promise in the lead-up to the election as well.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'Karen Williams Will fix Cleveland-Redland Bay Rd' [1376](#).

In 2017 the then member for Redlands went on to promise to dual-lane Cleveland Redland Bay Road yet again from Thornlands to Redland Bay with just \$45 million. That was an impossible feat—I know now, having secured \$60 million—as it is estimated to cost closer to \$200 million to dual-lane this stretch of road. I table his literature.

Tabled paper: Document, undated, titled 'Easing the cost of living & cheaper electricity' [1377](#).

I am proud to have spent two years working to secure funding for this road upgrade. It was never an election promise and I am getting on with the job.

I also want to further reinforce why we cannot trust the LNP as it relates to the green sealing of the Southern Moreton Bay Islands roads. These are local council roads. Our federal LNP member does not seem to be able to get his story straight. One minute he is committing \$2.2 million, the next it is \$2.5 million, and in reality it is just \$500,000. I table for the House two recent advertisements placed by the federal member in our local paper.

Tabled paper: Newspaper advertisement titled 'The fixers' [1378](#).

Tabled paper: Newspaper advertisement titled 'Island Ultimatum: Kim Richards: "Seal our dirt streets"' [1379](#).

The first ad says he is delivering \$2.2 million and council is delivering \$1.5 million. I will correct the record for him on this. The council have spent \$2 million annually over the last six years. The second ad—headlined as 'The Fixers'—states that he is now delivering \$2.5 million. The truth is that he has only provided \$500,000 in an agreement with the Commonwealth under the community development

grants scheme, confirmed in an email to me by the mayor. Our Palaszczuk government is getting on with delivering on our plans to duplicate the Cleveland Redland Bay Road and deliver funding for the SMBI green sealing of roads. Those on the other side of the House are just making desperate election time promises, and I think their track record speaks volumes.

I want to finish on our schools and what we have been able to achieve in two years in the Redlands as compared to 10 years under the LNP. Across our schools we have new classrooms, library upgrades, new halls and hall upgrades, new learning precincts and a new \$2.4 million vocational school about to open. We have new air conditioning and solar for all of our Redlands schools, and work on one of our largest projects, the Victoria Point State High School, is about to get underway. That is in stark contrast to the LNP's promise of—

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