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Algerster Electorate, Beaudesert Road Intersection Upgrade

 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algerster—ALP) (Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts) (7.08 pm): Today the Premier announced great news for the people of my electorate of Algerster, with fast-tracked funding for a well-known congestion hotspot. In a huge win for the local community, we will invest \$30 million to upgrade the intersection of Beaudesert and Algerster roads and Illaweena Street. Locals have been raising concerns about this common bottleneck with me regularly, and after a lot of hard work I am glad we can fast-track a solution.

Each day more than 56,000 vehicles travel across this intersection, whether it be families travelling to get their children to and from school each day—something that will once again become a regular practice starting next week; or tradies and small business operators getting onto the Logan Motorway and onto their next job; or daily commuters travelling into the city. With a growing population, commuters are often caught up in the congestion that can occur at this site.

The intersection upgrade means that there will be six through-lanes on Beaudesert Road, plus extended right turns, additional slip lanes and an overhaul of pedestrian crossings. This upgrade announcement has been fast-tracked for our community and TMR are working hard to finalise concept designs, which will be shared through the consultation process. I have been working with the community across the Algerster electorate on traffic issues since being elected in 2015 and I know that this is one of the most important. I am very proud to have worked closely with the transport minister, Mark Bailey, to deliver a practical solution to this local problem.

This upgrade also builds on the work of the recently completed \$512 million Logan Enhancement Project. As the first-of-its-kind market-led project in partnership with Transurban, our government delivered a safe and efficient road network for the electorate of Algerster. I fought hard to keep traffic off our local roads by keeping the right-hand westbound turning lane from Beaudesert Road onto the Logan Motorway which resulted in an efficient and safe solution for our community.

Since I was elected as the member for Algerster, I have made it my priority to deliver strong solutions to these common traffic congestion issues. First with the Logan Enhancement Project and now with the \$30 million upgrade, families in our community will be able to get home safer and sooner.

This project will also benefit the local economy, supporting over 30 jobs during construction. Our government is proud to support Queensland jobs and, during our recovery from COVID-19, that is more important than ever. This project is just one of many that our government is investing in as part of a \$400 million COVID-19 recovery package which forms a multibillion dollar pipeline of transport and road upgrades to supercharge the state's economy.

As the Premier said this morning, we will unite and recover. I am proud to deliver job-creating road upgrades for my community of the Algerster electorate as we do just that.