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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Mount Lindesay Highway

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (2.57 pm): The backbone of my electorate is the Mount Lindesay Highway with thousands of local residents using the road every day to get to work, get their kids to school and, of course, to get home safely. Recently, the Minister for Main Roads came once again to see the Mount Lindesay Highway. He has been there so many times he probably knows every single patch on it. On this occasion the minister came to see the fantastic four-laning from the Rosia Road to Stoney Camp-Granger Road exits. He did not just come to see the ongoing construction and the jobs being created, he did not just come to see the safe COVID-19 construction; he also came to make a really special announcement. The Minister for Transport and Main Roads announced the construction of the next section of four-laning on the Mount Lindesay Highway, from the Stoney Camp Road interchange to Chambers Flat Road, which will start in the first half of 2021. This project is part of the state government's plan to invest in the Mount Lindesay Highway over 10 years and is jointly funded with the federal government.

This is the largest section of four-lane construction to be built on the Mount Lindesay Highway—four times as long as the last section and, of course, also built by Labor. In fact, the LNP has not built a single section of four-laning on the Mount Lindesay Highway. It means there is now more room to overtake slower moving trucks and divided four-lane roads. It also means a safer journey home. In total, as Minister Bailey said at the time, we have invested \$165 million in improving the Mount Lindesay Highway and this is the largest investment yet. I will continue to advocate for the community. I will continue to advocate to create safe jobs. I will continue to advocate for projects like this to unite and recover.

The project builds on the four lanes that we are building from Rosia Road, taking them all the way through to the Chambers Flat Road intersection. It connects to the North Maclean service lane and the improved four-lane intersection at Greenback Road. It is also about the four lanes and new northbound bridge between Johanna Street and Camp Cable Road. Those are great projects on the Mount Lindesay Highway and I will continue to fight for them.

Is there an alternative? To look at that, we have to look at what the LNP did on the Mount Lindesay Highway during the three years they were in government plus the four years out from that that they intended to have in their budget. During that time, between Jimboomba and Brisbane, for the most vital and most used section of the Mount Lindesay Highway, they budgeted only \$846,000 to do a treatment on one intersection. At least that would have left them a legacy—not a legacy worth \$165 million but it is at least a legacy. However, it was such a bad design that it has simply disappeared, so there is no legacy whatsoever for the LNP on the Mount Lindesay Highway. We cannot go back to that. We will continue to unite, recover and invest in the Mount Lindesay Highway.