



Speech By  
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**MEMBER FOR PINE RIVERS**

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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Pine Rivers Electorate**

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (2.22 pm): As we unite and recover in taking action as a government from the public health crisis into economic recovery, I am so overjoyed to update the House on some of the critical works happening in my community of Pine Rivers. We have seen the fast-tracking of projects under the Works for Queensland umbrella. I put on record my thanks to the member for Sandgate, the minister in this portfolio. What this means for my community at Rob Akers Reserve is that the AFL club there will receive a major upgrade to its change room facilities. That building upgrade will more than double what council had already planned there. I thank Councillor Mick Gillam for his strong advocacy in this space. I know that the elevation of this work will also floodproof it.

I have been working with Councillor Darren Grimwade as well in relation to the Private Percy Cash Crossing at Samford. For too long it has had no infrastructure for pedestrians to cross, so we are creating a pedestrian causeway which will allow pedestrians to cease walking on the road and will provide them with a safer avenue. This is a project that the councillor and I have been working away on since the redistribution brought this community into the electorate of Pine Rivers. I am so pleased that we have found an appropriate way to address it—only under the Works for Queensland initiative. It is a fantastic program delivered by the Palaszczuk Labor government. The program delivers for our local economy, provides more local jobs and also fast-tracks that essential infrastructure that our community will rely on well into the future.

I should put on record my thanks to our new mayor, Mr Peter Flannery. I know he has been absolutely working in with the Palaszczuk Labor government and all levels of government to deliver for our community. Although he has only been in the job for a couple of months, already we see the fruits of his labour.

Additionally, we have made some great announcements around improving safety outside our schools, in particular for the school communities of Bray Park State School, which will see some flashing light infrastructure put into Hopetown Street at Bray Park, and Mount Samson State School, which is on a fairly rural road but will see some flashing light infrastructure on Wynn Road at Mount Samson and also on the historic Spitfire Avenue at Strathpine. We will see some flashing light infrastructure which will make it safer both for the Pine Rivers State High School community and for Strathpine State School. These are fantastic initiatives being delivered by the state Labor government as we unite and recover.