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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

**Kurwongbah Electorate, Transport Infrastructure**

 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (2.16 pm): I rise today to update the House and members of my electorate on the progress of some very important local transport infrastructure projects. As most of us are now back at work and our kids are back at school, we are also back on the roads, back on the trains and back on the buses. I do not know many people who like sitting in traffic, which is why I am proud to be part of a state Labor government that prioritises investment in transport infrastructure.

I have been working for a number of years to get transport outcomes for the people of Kurwongbah, projects like the upgrade of the Bruce Highway interchange at Deception Bay and New Settlement roads. That is a \$150 million project jointly funded with the federal government. We have recently seen the approved designs released for this. The member for Bancroft is equally ecstatic about it.

A couple of weeks ago I was out doorknocking and talking to Burpengary residents about this project. Almost everyone I spoke to reported having received information about this project in the letterbox—and most people actually read it, which speaks volumes about how important this upgrade is to the people around the Burpengary area. I want to commend the Department of Transport and Main Roads for getting this info out and keeping our residents informed. There is one feature I would like to see added to the final design, and that is a bike and pedestrian access to allow locals safe passage from parts of Narangba south of New Settlement Road up to schools and shops in Burpengary, and I have been working on having that added.

I also promised to overhaul the choked up traffic bottleneck at Petrie roundabout. The final plans are out and the first stage of service relocations are kicking off soon. The congested roundabout will be replaced by a signalised T-intersection, similar to the new Rothwell-Deception Bay traffic interchange for those who know that area. This Petrie intersection project is expected to support more than 60 jobs, which is great news for our local economy.

It does not end there. I promise to continue securing station improvements across my electorate, with projects currently funded at Lawnton station, adding a heap of extra car parks and at Dakabin, where a \$39 million accessibility program has begun. Next stop is Burpengary station; I just put that out there for the minister. Additionally, for bus commuters in my patch I understand design work is starting on the \$750,000 project to relocate the southbound bus stop closer to its northbound equivalent near the long-suffering residents of Burpengary Pines Village, including new pedestrian paths and refuge crossing islands. I know this comes as welcome news to Burpengary Pines residents who have consistently raised with me safety and convenience issues at this stop.

In other good news for residents in the southern part of my electorate, I have just announced funding for a dedicated right-turn lane from Dayboro Road into Vores Road at Whiteside. With Lake Kurwongbah and quarries just around the corner, local families and workers often share this stretch of

Dayboro Road with heavy vehicles. Road safety is paramount. That is why I fought for extra funding to build on minor improvements that were made last year. I look forward to seeing the new project design soon. I am committed to delivering on my commitments to Kurwongbah residents.