




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Bribie Island Road

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (2.23 pm): It is time for Longman's federal MP to back our community and match the Palaszczuk government's funding so we can dual lane more of Bribie Island Road. Time after time it is our state government doing the heavy lifting when it comes to getting the people of Pumicestone home sooner and safer.

During the recent election I secured \$25 million in funding for local road upgrades right across our area, but Bribie Island Road is under extra pressure so it is a top priority for me and for our Palaszczuk Labor government. That is why I was so proud to announce \$11 million towards dual laning Bribie Island Road from Hickey Road through to King John Creek. That project would link two dual laned sections and mean that nearly 40 per cent of Pumicestone's most iconic local road would be dual laned. Our community knows that this is needed. Hundreds of people responded to my Bribie Island Road Action Plan and I fought hard to get this \$11 million commitment. It will also support around 60 valuable infrastructure jobs as our local economy recovers from the impacts of COVID-19.

For work to start we need the federal government to match our \$11 million commitment with another \$10 million. Recently Minister Bailey wrote to the Deputy Prime Minister to advocate for this project and received no response. Why has our federal member also been silent on funding for this key upgrade that is so important to our community? Is it because of the Queensland LNP's record of cutting \$13 million from Bribie Island Road? I ask now: is Bribie Island Road a priority for our federal member for Longman?

Mr King: Terry, the Tasmanian tiger?

Ms KING: I take that interjection. Bribie Island Road has work going on right now at the Old Toorbul Point Road intersection and that jointly funded project is welcome. During the state election I reflect that our federal member Terry Young put up a billboard at the site of that work claiming that he is the one fixing Bribie Island Road. It said something about fixing it and getting a go, but the last money pledged by the federal government for the upgrade of Bribie Island Road is now several toppled prime ministers ago. It is time for our federal member to get on the phone to his mates in Canberra and come up with some new money so we can get on with the job.

Opposition members interjected.

Ms KING: It is very easy for those opposite to poke fun at the very real aspirations of the people in Pumicestone to get home sooner and safer as their local road comes under increasing pressure. If Terry Young MP will not get on the phone to his mates in Canberra, perhaps those opposite could do the heavy lifting that he seems so unable to do. I call on Terry Young to help Pumicestone residents get home sooner and safer and match our Palaszczuk government's funding.

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