




Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

Bribie Island Road

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (2.34 pm): I will always work hard for the people of Pumicestone. They tell me that more dual lanes for Bribie Island Road is their top priority so I have worked hard to make it happen. The Palaszczuk government listened to my advocacy and committed \$11 million towards a \$20 million project to dual-lane Bribie Island Road between Hickey Road and King Johns Creek to be funded in 2022-23. I table that announcement.

Tabled paper: Extract, dated 15 October 2020, from the Facebook page of the member for Pumicestone, Ms Ali King MP, titled 'Facebook video with Ali King and Minister Stirling Hinchliffe announcing the funding for dual laning Bribie Island Road between Hickey Road and King Johns Creek' [641](#).

To make it happen, I needed Scott Morrison and his federal member for Longman to front up with another \$10 million, so I got to work. I spoke in parliament, I spoke in the media and I made it clear that the people of Pumicestone deserve more dual lanes so they can get home sooner and safer and that Scott Morrison and his local member should stump up the cash. I table those statements.

Tabled paper: Extract, dated 26 February 2021, from the Facebook page of the member for Pumicestone, Ms Ali King MP, titled 'Facebook video of Ali King MP in Queensland Parliament calling on the Federal government to match the \$10 million commitment to dual lane Bribie Island Road between Hickey Road and King Johns Creek' [642](#).

What did I hear from Scott Morrison's MP for Longman? Nothing, zero, zip, silence, not a word. I table evidence of that.

Tabled paper: Extract of Australian Parliament Hansard search webpage, dated 13 May 2021, titled 'Search of Australian Parliament Hansard for records of Terry Young MP mentioning 'Hickey Road' in Parliament' [643](#).

That was until this week, when Scott Morrison finally agreed to come to the party with \$10 million for my project to dual-lane more of Bribie Island Road. I am glad to see Scott Morrison's local MP back my Bribie Island Road action plan, after over a year of the silent treatment, but I was a bit surprised to have him turn around and claim that it was actually his idea all along—though having a member of Scott Morrison's government turn around and take credit for your own good idea and your hard work is the kind of thing that Australian women have just gotten used to.

Within only one day, this project turned out to be yet another example of Scott Morrison's trademark: all announcement, no delivery. It is big on promises; it is light on action. Hiding in the budget papers is the secret of when Scott Morrison is promising to pay out this funding. Our Palaszczuk government's whole \$11 million commitment is in the 2022-23 budget so we can get started sooner, but how much has Scott Morrison promised in 2022-23? Zero. How much is he paying the next year, in 2023-24? Just \$500,000. Surely he must be paying the rest in 2024-25? No, only \$3 million. In fact, Scott Morrison is holding back the bulk of the funds until 2025-26 onwards.

As usual, Scott Morrison and his local MP are all talk and no action. Scott Morrison is kicking the can down Bribie Island Road. He is not coughing up most of the funds until three years after we are. In fact, he expects the people of Pumicestone, who want more dual lanes, to wait not one but two more elections to get the work started. It may not be too little for Bribie Island Road but it is definitely too late.