




Speech By
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MOTION

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 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (5.59 pm): When I first saw this motion I thought that perhaps the member for Capalaba had done something clever and slipped a dummy motion in front of the member for Maroochydore and she read the wrong motion. I then realised that this is the strategy of those opposite. It is a Trumpesque strategy—take their biggest weakness and tell a complete mistruth to the House to ensure they are doing as Trump does. We saw that before when the member for Whitsunday made comments about George Christensen. We know exactly what type of member he is. When more comes out about him, we will remind the member exactly what she said about him.

When I looked at the motion I saw it mentioned infrastructure investment to support housing supply. I note the motion refers to the past six years. By way of comparison, I thought it would be invaluable for members on both sides of the House to hear what happened in Logan during the LNP's time in government.

When it comes to Logan Hospital, we built a new ward in record time, a new car park was constructed and the extension planning is well underway. Logan is a growing area so we would think that surely the LNP would have put new beds into Logan Hospital. I ask the House: how many beds did the LNP build in Logan?

A government member: How many beds?

Mr POWER: The answer is zero. When it comes to new classrooms, we have built new classrooms at Logan Village. We have built the new Yarrabilba State School and the new Yarrabilba State High School. We are building the new performing arts centre as well. We are building the new administration building and classrooms at Park Ridge State School now. We have backed St Philomenas, Kings, Parklands Christian and St Clare's. Right now we are constructing the new school opposite Pub Lane. I know what members are thinking. That is a lot of classrooms and fantastic educational infrastructure, but it is in a growing area. That was true before too. Surely the LNP built lots of new classrooms for this growing area during their three years in government. I ask the House: how many classrooms did the LNP build in their time in government? Zero.

We have built a new ambulance station for the fast-growing area—

Mr Boothman interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Kelly): Member for Theodore, you are on a warning.

Mr POWER: We have built a new ambulance station for the fast-growing area of Yarrabilba and another one for the Mount Lindesay corridor at Munruben. We have heard a lot about ambulances from the LNP this week. I ask the House: how many ambulance stations did the LNP build in Logan?

A government member: How many?

Mr POWER: Zero. A growing area needs roads expansion. That is why we are currently building four lanes from North Street to Anzac Avenue and building on the previous investment from Hotz Road—

Mr Krause interjected.

Mr POWER: It has nothing to do with it. We are building on the previous investment from Hotz Road to Anzac Avenue on Tamborine Road. On the Mount Lindesay Highway we have built four-lane intersections at Green Road and Camp Cable Road and we are four laning from Camp Cable Road through to Jimboomba. Now we are going all the way through Jimboomba. We built four lanes through to Stoney Camp Road and now we are building four lanes through to Chambers Flat Road.

Members would be thinking that Mount Lindesay Highway is a vital road servicing a growing area so surely the LNP must have done some four-laning on the Mount Lindesay Highway when they were in government. I ask members of the House: how many single metres of four-laning did they do on the Mount Lindesay Highway?

A government member: How many?

Mr POWER: The answer is zero. We have provided new public transport services like the new bus service to Flagstone—the 587—and the new bus service through to Yarrabilba. That is two new bus services. On top of that we have provided demand-responsive transport to service the area in between. I know members are thinking that surely the LNP would have delivered new public transport services to a growing area. I ask the House—and this one is a trick: how many new services did the LNP deliver?

A government member: How many?

Mr POWER: The answer is not zero. They actually cut services to that growing area. They cut, sack and sell. If the question is about delivering the services people in growing areas need then the answer is not the LNP.

The Palaszczuk government is all about backing families to get into the houses they need, creating the jobs they need and providing the services and infrastructure we depend on. The people of Logan know they can depend on Labor to build our roads, create our schools and support growing families into new housing.