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 **Mr KING** (Kurwongbah—ALP) (2.29 pm): I take this opportunity to again talk about one of my favourite topics, infrastructure projects in the Kurwongbah electorate. I will not get through them all in one go so I will be back. First, I will talk about something that is quite topical and I am pleased that the member for Pumicestone just spoke about our federal member for Longman. I want to update the House on the biggest project in my electorate, which I share with the member for Bancroft, the Bruce Highway upgrade at Deception Bay-New Settlement Road in Burpengary. It is huge in dollar terms with a \$150 million joint state and federal price tag. I was there this month with my neighbour, the member for Bancroft and thanks go to Minister Bailey for organising our tour. We have photos on the Facebook page and I know that everyone here will be excited to jump on and look at those.

I want to mention that the project has been in the making for quite a while. When the federal member for Longman, Mr Terry Young, was running at the last election he had a big truck there with writing saying that they were going to deliver the project and that work would start in June or July, although I stand to be corrected if I am wrong about exactly what was written on the truck. When he was elected and that did not happen, he blamed the state government. He said that the state government was holding up the project. That was true, I suppose. A state government did hold up the project. It was the Newman government that removed it from QTRIP. We have put it back in and got it going. That is one of the many own goals from that gentleman.

I move on to the next exciting project. To the south, work is about to hit high gear on the \$30 million Petrie intersection upgrade after the construction contract was awarded to Ertech Queensland last month. There has been visible activity at the roundabout for about a year as utility and service relocations, resumptions and so on were carried out. Now that those preliminary works have been concluded, my office has received a steady stream of inquiries about the project's status. Therefore, it is great to announce that things are ramping up. Work will start soon, not-so-sunny Queensland weather permitting. The first stage of works are expected to take place on the vacant land between Whites Road and Mill Street, next to Anzac Avenue southbound. I know that the over 28,000 commuters who use that intersection daily cannot wait. I am sorry about the short-term pain but there will be long-term gain.

Still in the south, I want to mention the Lawnton station park-and-ride. Since I last spoke about that project I have opened the \$10 million Lawnton station park-and-ride, adding over 250 extra car parks, secure facilities for cyclists and CCTV security for patrons. Now that we are all back to work and back to school, it is good to see the car park getting some use. I do not have time to talk about Mathieson Park, the home of the mighty Pine River Bears, but members should stay tuned for the next time I have an opportunity to speak in the House.