



Speech By  
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**MOTION**

**Federal Morrison Government**

 **Mr POWELL** (Glass House—LNP) (5.52 pm): I rise to condemn this motion. This tired, lazy, third-term Labor government was elected with no ideas and what we have seen tonight is that it still does not have any ideas. It looks to blame anyone it can, and let us look at the portfolio of the member for Miller. Let us take a drive from parliament back up the Bruce Highway to my electorate of Glass House. The Linkfield Road overpass is only happening because of Luke Howarth and Peter Dutton. Strathpine Road-Old Gympie Road is only happening because of Luke Howarth and Peter Dutton. The Deception Bay Road overpass is only happening because of Luke Howarth and Terry Young. The study into the Bruce Highway western alternative through Caboolture West—a planning development put forward by the Labor government—is only happening because it has federal funding.

Today I join Mayor Peter Flannery of Moreton Bay Regional Council in congratulating Terry Young on a significant announcement in Morayfield—\$100 million towards the Buchanan Road upgrade overpass and duplication. This is a \$200 million council project that is going to duplicate Buchanan Road from the Bruce Highway through to Morayfield Road. It is going to get rid of a floodway under the rail corridor. It is going to get rid of that nightmare of an intersection at Morayfield Railway Station. What does the mayor say? He says—

So I want to thank Terry Young for not only listening to calls from Council and our community, but for going down to Canberra and forcing those decision makers to listen to us too.

This project will not only benefit the tens of thousands of residents and shoppers passing through, but also to lifestyles of people in surrounding areas who regularly find themselves in traffic gridlock.

Terry's announcement will help us get ahead of our road infrastructure needs before the population boom arrives.

That is something that this minister never achieved, so let us keep going up the highway. In terms of the Beerburrum to Nambour rail duplication, the minister claims that he did not get his fair share. He got more than his fair share and now when Andrew Wallace and Ted O'Brien, the members for Fisher and Fairfax, put on the table \$1.6 billion to take the rail from Beerwah to Maroochydore, where is the minister?

**Mr O'Connor:** Nowhere!

**Mr POWELL:** Nowhere! Fair share? The minister and his Labor government are getting far more than their fair share and they just do not want to admit it. They know that every project that is occurring between here and the electorate of Glass House and up the entire length of the Queensland coast is only happening because of the federal Morrison government. I will take Scott Morrison over Anthony Albanese any day. I will take Josh Frydenberg over Jim Chalmers any day. I will certainly take Peter Dutton over O'Connor any day of the week. Bring on the election!

