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 **Mr WHITING** (Bancroft—ALP) (2.59 pm): I rise, like many others today, to welcome the news that we have a federal Labor government under Anthony Albanese. I know that they will be great partners with the Palaszczuk government. I know that things will change for the better in Queensland. I especially welcome the new government because of the announcement they made about the Bruce Highway upgrade in my area. We are talking about the highway going from six to eight lanes from Pine Rivers all the way through to Uhlmann Road. It is a massive investment in our communities and a massive show of confidence in the Moreton Bay region. It is very welcomed by our communities.

Under the new Albanese government we will see a new partnership approach when it comes to transport infrastructure in Queensland, and in my area as well. Federal Labor will prove to be a great partner for our government. I know that they have a strategic focus on infrastructure delivery. They are focused on delivering an investment that can best support local jobs in our areas, invigorate local businesses and help people get home much quicker.

Labor understands the needs of Queenslanders in outer urban areas. The Palaszczuk government and the Albanese government know that transport infrastructure serves as the arteries of our communities. It pumps life into local jobs and supports businesses. For example, at North Harbour there will be 30 to 40 opportunities for new businesses to locate their transport and warehousing facilities right next to the highway. They are coming there because of its proximity to the highway and they see that it will be upgraded.

These arteries connect us to the rest of Queensland. Not only that, but they make a huge difference to lifestyle in our areas. Labor knows that transport infrastructure helps people get home quicker at night and means that people do not have to get up so early—before dawn—to go to work.

The partnership approach suits us just fine, because we are focused on delivering transport infrastructure to Moreton Bay, especially to my area in Bancroft. Our focus can be seen in the construction of the Deception Bay Road overpass that we are building with some federal money. The Deception Bay Road widening will be happening as well. I look forward to us starting planning work in the years to come on those new overpasses. We have a lot to look forward to.