




Speech By
Hon. Mark Bailey

MEMBER FOR MILLER

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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.01 am): The people have spoken. They have voted for change.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Government members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Members to my right! I will wait for silence.

Mr BAILEY: The people have spoken. They have voted for change. They have voted for what will be a majority Albanese Labor government—a federal government that will deliver integrity via a federal independent commission against corruption this year.

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Order!

Mr BAILEY: They will deliver a federal independent commission against corruption—a positive change. An Albanese Labor government will also finally deliver Queensland our fair share on transport and road infrastructure funding. This will come in the form of existing jointly funded projects and new commitments that will now be looked at by this Palaszczuk state Labor government.

These new commitments include: almost \$1 billion towards Bruce Highway upgrades on Brisbane's north side, including upgrades to eight lanes between Uhlmann Road and Dohles Rocks Road, which I know is well received by the members for Bancroft and Kurwongbah and a number of other members up there; the removal of the Coopers Plains level crossing; upgrades to the Kuranda Range Road in Far North Queensland; a major upgrade to the Cairns Marine Precinct, as outlined by the Deputy Premier earlier; major upgrades to the Bruce Highway from Rockhampton to Gladstone; the creation of six lanes on Loganlea Road from the Logan Motorway to the M1; and a \$500 million national electric vehicle strategy which Queenslanders will benefit from, on top of our own Zero Emission Vehicle Strategy here in Queensland.

This is the authentic and contemporary leadership the industry has been crying out for and did not get under the Morrison-Joyce government. I note the former deputy prime minister said this morning that he had done such a wonderful job. Well, good luck to him with that line. Many of these commitments will require a state contribution, and in some cases we have already agreed to funding because we see the value in these key projects for Queensland. Importantly, we will work collaboratively with the Albanese Labor government on these projects.

One of the big takeaways from the election campaign is that the Albanese Labor government—as it did over the last three years—wants to work with states like Queensland, not against us. We especially saw the record during the pandemic, which was supported by those opposite, of the

undermining of health advice. We now have a Prime Minister who wants to bring people together, not create division. We have already seen how Queensland will be getting its fair share under Anthony Albanese as Prime Minister and with a federal Labor government. Through our continued collaboration, we can now achieve better results for the whole of our state.