




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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Federal Budget, Road and Transport Infrastructure

 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads) (10.00 am): Mr Speaker, with your indulgence, I acknowledge the birthday today of my mother, Beryl Bailey, who is 93 years old today. I need to get her into *Hansard* otherwise I get in trouble.

I welcome the Albanese Labor government's federal budget and its commitment to tackling a trillion dollars worth of debt and the soaring inflation left by the Morrison LNP government. It is a federal government tackling the cost of living for Queenslanders and Australians after the inflation mess left by the defeated Morrison government. Importantly, unlike the fake March Morrison government budget, this budget will actually be voted on by the federal parliament. There is funding in there that Queensland can depend upon. Queensland and the nation will not be left hanging, as we were in March when the previous government had the numbers to pass and vote upon the budget and chose not to.

This budget delivers more than \$5 billion in new funding towards road and transport infrastructure projects across Queensland, including: \$586 million towards the \$733 million upgrade of the Bruce Highway between Anzac Avenue and Uhlmann Road; \$400 million towards Queensland beef corridors to keep Queensland industries moving; \$210 million towards safety upgrades in Far North Queensland on Kuranda Range Road as we continue to roll out the intelligent transport system there; \$200 million towards the widening of the Bruce Highway between Anzac Avenue and Dohles Rocks Road; \$200 million towards the \$250 million upgrade of the Bruce Highway between Rockhampton and Gladstone; a confirmed \$1.6 billion initial funding allocation on the Sunshine Coast direct line and \$1.1 billion towards the Kuraby to Beenleigh rail upgrade, which is a really important project for our growth; \$133 million towards the Boundary Road, Coopers Plains level crossing removal, which was matched by the Palaszczuk government in this year's record state budget—our seventh record QTRIP; \$100 million towards the Cavendish Road level crossing removal; \$22 million towards the upgrade of Loganlea Road; more than half a billion dollars for the Gympie bypass; continuing funding for the Cairns Southern Access Corridor; Riverway Drive in Townsville; \$5 million towards the \$10 million Gympie Road planning study; \$4 million towards the Charters Towers industrial precinct; and \$3.4 million for the Ipswich to Springfield rail extension business case as we plan for better connectivity between the growing regions of Ipswich and Springfield.

In fact, of new priority rail and road projects across the nation, Queensland is getting more than 25 per cent of national funding—finally our fair share from a federal government. With the budget papers in hand, the Palaszczuk Labor government can now get on with delivering our record program of road and transport infrastructure across Queensland—our seventh record QTRIP in eight budgets—supporting more than 25,000 good jobs, delivering better services and protecting Queensland's great lifestyle.