




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Federal Election; Bruce Highway Upgrade

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (6.03 pm): How good is Australia? How good is Anthony Albanese? What an outstanding result for our communities and our country. On the weekend, they tossed out that terrible government, the government that said it was never their job to deliver outcomes for communities, to help communities in need, and elected someone who is committed to standing up and committed to making communities better places.

I wanted to put on record my appreciation and acknowledgement of Rebecca Fanning, the Labor candidate for Longman who fought an outstanding fight in the Longman electorate. Whilst she did not get there on the day, she certainly has made a positive contribution already to the community because she was able to secure a number of commitments from Anthony Albanese and Labor which will now be delivered and will now result in better community outcomes for the Longman community. I wanted to celebrate those commitments and I look forward to them being delivered.

It is great that the Minister for Main Roads is here because this first commitment is an outstanding partnership, one that those opposite would never deliver, and it is to upgrade the Bruce Highway. Federal Labor made a commitment of \$586 million to widen the Bruce Highway from six lanes to eight lanes on the stretch from Anzac Avenue, Mango Hill to Uhlmann Road in Caboolture South. In addition, there is \$200 million to widen the Bruce Highway from Dohles Rocks Road to Anzac Avenue, Mango Hill. All through that stretch we are going to have eight lanes of Bruce Highway which will go a significant way to alleviating congestion.

In addition—and these are the really exciting ones—Rebecca Fanning and Labor made a commitment of \$3 million for a splash park at Centenary Lakes, Caboolture. This will be a real attraction for the community. I know that the young people of Caboolture and surrounds are already excited about that splash park, and I am looking forward to seeing that delivered. In addition, the Snakies—the Caboolture Snakes Rugby League Club—have received a commitment of \$3 million for a new clubhouse. That will be very well received and it is a very much needed project because that clubhouse was severely impacted by the recent flooding event. It is an historic club, over 70 years old, and has hundreds and hundreds of members. They will all benefit as a result of an Anthony Albanese Labor government. Finally, a commitment to primary health care. We know Scott Morrison turned his back on primary health care; it is why we had a GP crisis. Federal Labor made a commitment of \$3.75 million to reopen the Morayfield Health Hub. Well done, Albo!