



Speech By  
**Ali King**


**MEMBER FOR PUMICESTONE**

---

Record of Proceedings, 23 February 2023

## **PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT**

### **Pumicestone Electorate**

 **Ms KING** (Pumicestone—ALP) (2.03 pm): So much work is happening across Pumicestone because our Palaszczuk government is getting things done. I am going to try to cover the top eight in the next three minutes. No. 1: we have now turned the sod on our Bribie Island satellite hospital site and construction is well underway, with opening on track for 2024. Bribie locals will soon have hospital services right in the heart of our community along with a minor accident and illness centre, bringing those vital hospital services closer to home.

No. 2: next week we will be switching on our new traffic lights at the intersection of Bribie Island Road and Regina Avenue, Ningi. When I doorknocked Ningi in 2020, dozens of locals told me that they were struggling to get access to their homes and to the local shops at the Ningi plaza. I spoke to the minister about that. I am grateful to him for his willingness to listen. We worked hard to get this solution. Now our traffic lights are about to be turned on. It is a great feeling being able to deliver for a local community.

No. 3: we have the business case for our next Bribie Island bridge underway right now. So far over 2,700 local people have had their say. Consultation closes on Monday. I would love to see that up over 3,000 by the end of the consultation period. That is all part of our bigger plan to increase capacity along the entire length of Bribie Island Road. Over 88,000 cars use Bribie Island Road every day.

No. 4 and No. 5 in my top eight are two more projects in the works right now to dual lane more of Bribie Island Road from Old Toorbul Point Road to Saint Road and Hickey Road to King John Creek. I know that will be greatly welcomed by my community.

Still on roads for No. 6: our start to finish upgrade of Beachmere Road starts later this year. We have doubled funding to \$15.75 million to widen Beachmere Road to nine metres wide, add wide centre lanes and add dedicated turning lanes into Riversleigh Road and Monty's Marina.

Still on roads for No. 7: the upgrade of the intersection of Pumicestone Road and Dances Road at Caboolture is on track to be finished early—finished by Easter—fixing this blackspot intersection to get locals home sooner and safer. It is a good feeling to be delivering for our Caboolture community.

Last but not least, No. 8 is construction starting on our new Bribie Island Neighbourhood Centre at Bellara later this year. For many years now the centre has been working out of a converted dental surgery. This new, purpose-built \$3 million build will give them more space to deliver even more projects than ever before.

I am going to keep working hard and getting things done for the people of Pumicestone. With so much investment from our Palaszczuk Labor government it is going to mean more jobs, more services and making our local lifestyle even better. From health to roads to much needed infrastructure, our government is 100 per cent delivering for Pumicestone.