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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Mrs MULLEN** (Jordan—ALP) (2.03 pm): The residents of Ipswich have been given an important opportunity to help influence future bus routes, train services, highway upgrades and cycling infrastructure. We are asking our communities to have their say on one of the most significant consultations the Department of Transport and Main Roads has ever undertaken in our region. With rapid population growth, now is the time to plan for future walking, cycling, public transport and roads.

The Ipswich City Transport and Mobility Study will investigate the way people travel and identify future mobility needs through the area by car, public transport and active transport, focusing on transport services and infrastructure. In my time as the member for Jordan we have seen significant investment by the Palaszczuk government for transport in our part of Ipswich, but this is only possible with the support of our local community which has allowed me to call for our share of services and infrastructure.

We have reviewed and improved local bus services. We have constructed a new bus interchange at Springfield station to make it easier for commuters to connect with the train and introduced a new 533 Spring Mountain loop that has proven very popular in our fast growing part of the Jordan electorate. Our new \$44.5 million Springfield Central park-and-ride opened last year and resolved the overflowing and dangerous car park at the train station. There are upgrades to the Centenary Motorway, including the \$15 million Centenary-Logan Motorway interchange upgrade which is due to be completed and open to traffic in a mere couple of weeks. The \$6.5 million upgrade of the exit 32 Centenary offramp has begun and, once completed, will see the doubling of lanes there from two to four and which will help ease congestion along this busy stretch of highway.

There is more that I want to see for our region. The Centenary Motorway is certainly high on my priority for more upgrades and improvements, particularly the section between Ellen Grove and Yamanto. With planning already underway on this section, I want to urge our local motorists to provide feedback to the study to make their views known on this important highway for our region. I am urging our schools to provide feedback on school bus routes and improvements they would like to see in these services for their students. I am calling on all of the enthusiastic cyclists in our community to have their say on the Centenary cycleway extension through to Springfield as well as local new and improved cycle paths that they would like to ride.

We have already opened consultation on the study and already I have seen the interactive map filling with lots of terrific suggestions from drivers, from people using public transport and from cyclists, and that is really important. Everyone is encouraged to have their say by 24 September when the study consultation will close. It is true that only a Labor government will deliver for Ipswich. We will not cut or prune services and infrastructure like those opposite. I want to thank Minister Bailey for supporting our Ipswich members of parliament in our continued advocacy for even more transport services and infrastructure for our growing Ipswich region.