




Speech By
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Logan Electorate, Road Upgrades

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.22 pm): I am really pleased that the Minister for Main Roads is in the chamber tonight because recently we were on the Mount Lindesay Highway to see the new works being progressed between Chambers Flat Road and Park Ridge/Munruben where the two-lane road is being upgraded to four lanes. Shortly after we were there they opened up the road and we now have a smooth flow of cars on it. An important part of the project was the building of raised double bridges across Norris Creek. I think we should call it the 'Bailey Bridge' because Mark Bailey, the Minister for Main Roads, really pushed for the investment on the Mount Lindesay Highway.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr POWER: There are a lot of accolades for the minister in the chamber, which is great to hear. The minister is too nice to say that the LNP cut \$160 million of the funding that was promised in the 2012 budget. He is too nice to say it, but I am not too nice to say that under the LNP outer suburban areas got cuts, especially to road investment. There were \$160 million worth of cuts. There was no construction whatsoever on the Mount Lindesay Highway between Browns Plain and Jimboomba. The minister has transformed that. He listens to the advocacy of the member for Jordan and me, which is why we have four laning from Rosia Road to Stoney Camp Road and four laning from Stoney Camp Road to Chambers Flat Road. The highway at Jimboomba will be upgraded to four lanes. The service road is ready for four laning between Chambers Flat Road and Greenbank Road. I have to say to the minister that, while I have really built him up, I will be advocating for even more for the Mount Lindesay Highway and I know I have a supporter.

The most important thing that the minister did was put the Mount Lindesay Highway on the national agenda. Because the Mount Lindesay Highway is now part of the national freight network, funding is accessible. That is a real achievement that will have a lasting impact on the Mount Lindesay Highway. It is why we will continue to see investment being made.

The project is state of the art. Importantly, it ensures better fauna connectivity across the Mount Lindesay Highway. Under the Norris Creek Bridge—the 'Bailey Bridge'—there are better connections for animals to travel. There is a separate corridor for animals to travel as well as overhead ladders for animals. Very high trees have been left in place, which is a really important for gliders. The project has been based on research. It is a fantastic project thanks to continuing investment from the Palaszczuk government, which invests in the outer suburbs. That contrasts with the LNP government that cut \$160 million worth of funding and has no legacy between Browns Plains and Jimboomba.