




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Mount Lindesay Highway

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (7.28 pm): I wanted to let the House and the community of Logan know that the consultation process on the really important Johanna Street to South Street four-laning project at Jimboomba is now complete. We are soon to be going to tender and heading into a construction phase. This is a fantastic project that will see four-laning through that section. It builds upon some of the other projects on the Mount Lindesay Highway.

From Jimboomba in the south to the north, important construction is going on right at this moment at the intersection of Illaweena Street and the Mount Lindesay Highway. I note that the member for Algester is here. She has been a real fighter for that project because it will allow traffic to get through that intersection so much faster and smoother. We also have the Rosia Road four-laning project, which was abandoned by the LNP. It took the new Minister for Transport and Main Roads, who is also in the chamber, to pick up that project and drive it through to get four-laning to Rosia Road. On top of that, just completed—and we were at the opening with the minister—was the four-laning section from Stoney Camp Road to Chambers Flat Road, which is the biggest and most significant section of four-laning.

There are so many great four-laning projects on the Mount Lindesay Highway. That is because we have a great advocate for those projects in the Minister for Transport and Main Roads. You would think that surely the LNP would have done some of those projects. Disappointingly, in the time they were in government, there were zero new four-laning projects or any projects between Brown Plains and Jimboomba introduced. What was worse is that, when the new minister took over the budget, there was nothing in the forward four years. We had a fighter in the minister who brought those projects into the forward four years and those projects are now being accelerated. We are going to see that new project at Jimboomba going ahead.

As a growing area, we cannot risk the fact that the LNP will make cuts to funding for the Mount Lindesay Highway.

Mr Harper: Pruning.

Mr POWER: Pruning—that is exactly right! All they see with those projects on the Mount Lindesay Highway is something ripe for pruning. No-one in the Logan community wants to see pruning of projects on the Mount Lindesay Highway. How do we know this? Last time, the LNP cut \$160 million in the 10-year forward estimates for the Mount Lindesay Highway. That was part of \$600 million that they cut across the state. We cannot let the LNP do that pruning. We need a minister who is committed to the Mount Lindesay Highway and other members, including the member for Jordan and the member for Algester, who are absolutely committed to seeing continued investment in the Mount Lindesay Highway, and that is what I will continue to fight for.