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 **Hon. MC BAILEY** (Miller—ALP) (Minister for Transport and Main Roads and Minister for Digital Services) (10.12 am): As part of the Palaszczuk government's Energy and Jobs Plan, we know that reducing transport emissions will play a key role in achieving net zero by 2050 and acting on climate change. In Queensland, transport emissions make up 15 per cent of overall emissions and, as of 23 October, there are 30,000 electric vehicles on Queensland roads. That is a 132 per cent increase in the past year, and that number will continue to rise as more Queenslanders make the switch.

Since we were elected in 2015, the Palaszczuk government has been committed to supporting more Queenslanders to take up electric vehicles. We know that it is better for our air quality, noise pollution and reducing emissions to act on climate change. We were the first state in Australia to release an electric vehicle strategy. At the centre of the strategy is the publicly owned Queensland Electric Super Highway. We have already invested over \$8 million in charging stations from Coolangatta to Port Douglas, and Brisbane to Mount Isa. Once finalised, the Electric Super Highway will provide a publicly owned infrastructure network of 55 different locations across the state. It will be the longest electric vehicle superhighway in a single state anywhere in the world. The Palaszczuk government is partnering with Yurika to deliver the latest phase with the use of 75-kilowatt Tritium fast chargers, manufactured here in Queensland. Tritium is an international success story but it started right here as a Brisbane-based company. It is exciting to see our manufacturing capabilities grow as we expand the network.

Earlier this year I announced the successful applicants of our \$10 million co-contribution electric vehicle charging fund. The government will partner with Evie Networks, Engie, NRMA, RACQ and Tesla to roll out more than 46 fast-charging sites across Queensland, resulting in an overall investment of \$24½ million. Motorists who may be thinking about making the switch to an EV need to have confidence that the charging infrastructure for longer journeys will be easily found across Queensland. By doubling the existing network we are doing exactly that. I am happy to report that the first chargers from this fund are now up and running in Miriam Vale, on the Bruce Highway. It features six 250-kilowatt fast-charging units, six charging bays and an additional accessible charging bay. They are nice big units. That is what we like to see.

Today I can announce the full list of locations for each of those chargers. The locations of the new regional Queensland electric vehicle fast-charging stations include: Townsville, Mackay, Bundaberg, Cairns, Maryborough, Toowoomba, Rockhampton, Bowen, Tully, Ingham, Gayndah, Atherton, Nanango, Dalby, Airlie Beach, Maroochydore, Woodford, Pimpama, Ormeau, Hervey Bay, Biloela, Pentland, Alpha, Monto, Goomeri, Yandina, the Sunshine Coast, Coochiemudlo Island, Miriam Vale, Gladstone, Mitchell, Gympie, Moranbah and Agnes Water. I am out of breath, Mr Speaker! There is a huge list, and people can jump onto the Department of Transport and Main Roads website to see

the full list. In some of those locations there will be more than one station. Those fast chargers will progressively roll out over the next 12 months. The opposition may well laugh. We will keep building the infrastructure for a clean energy future.