



Speech By  
**Hon. Grace Grace**


**MEMBER FOR MCCONNEL**

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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

### **Infrastructure**

 **Hon. G GRACE** (McConnel—ALP) (Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing) (10.07 am): The Miles government is delivering Queensland's Big Build. We are in the biggest decade of infrastructure delivery in our history with \$90 billion plus investment over the next four years alone. We are delivering the homes, the schools, the hospitals, the renewable energy infrastructure and the roads and transport our growing state needs. More than half of our Big Build is happening in regional Queensland. In Rockhampton, Mackay and Central Queensland that means projects like the \$1.7 billion Rockhampton Ring Road, the \$350 million Mackay Port Access Road, the \$983 million Fitzroy to Gladstone Pipeline to improve water security and more than \$9 billion for the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program—yes, we are building trains in Queensland right out of Maryborough!

The Miles government is committed to listening to Queensland. Our community cabinets are a big part of that and it was great to be in Rockhampton last week with the member for Rockhampton and the member for Keppel. We visited local projects, met with the community about local issues, hosted a town hall Q&A and of course served up some snags at the barbeque. If anyone has ever wondered what happens to the cans and bottles you put in Containers for Change, I had the pleasure of visiting Kriaris Recyclables to see firsthand, and my thanks to Matthew for such a great tour.

Recycled glass is crushed for use in local roads and footpaths and it is so clean that it is even being used for fertiliser. Cans, plastic bottles and cardboard are bailed up in one of Queensland's largest bailers and sold to be made into new products—a true circular economy. After a fire at the facility in 2020, we supported Kriaris with nearly \$1 million in grants through the Resource Recovery Industry Development Program and the Queensland Recycling Modernisation Fund and now they are going from strength to strength.

On this side of the House we are listening to and delivering for Queenslanders. We are proud to be building the infrastructure that our growing state needs, supporting businesses right across Queensland. We are proud to be building a bright future for our children and the generations to come. Queenslanders deserve nothing less.