




Speech By
Hon. Lance McCallum

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 **Hon. LR McCALLUM** (Bundamba—ALP) (Minister for Employment and Small Business and Minister for Training and Skills Development) (7.23 pm): The Miles Labor government's \$89 billion infrastructure Big Build is delivering right across Queensland and it is delivering for our local Bundamba community. It is delivering jobs and it is delivering state-of-the-art infrastructure that is delivering better services. There is no greater example of that than the brand new stage 2, \$710 million expansion of the Ipswich Hospital for which we recently got early works underway. This project is going to deliver 200 additional new beds, an expanded emergency department, additional operating theatres and, of course, more world-class health care closer to home. It follows hot on the heels of the stage 1 expansion to the Ipswich Hospital and our brand new Ripley Satellite Hospital. There is more world-class health care for our Bundamba community.

I want to acknowledge the incredible work of our frontline healthcare workers in Ipswich. They do an absolutely amazing job, and these new state-of-the-art facilities are there to provide brilliant workplaces for them as they are doing their job with passion and dedication in looking after our local community. Our Big Build is also delivering a major upgrade to the Bundamba train station. This is a huge project that is going to—

Mr Dametto interjected.

Mr McCALLUM: I am not going to take the interjections from the member for Hinchinbrook. In Bundamba this major upgrade to the train station—

Mr Dametto interjected.

Madam DEPUTY SPEAKER (Ms Lui): Member for Hinchinbrook, you are now warned under the standing orders.

Mr McCALLUM: This major accessibility upgrade is a wonderful project that I have been very proud to advocate for and deliver to the Bundamba community. Progress is really on track. I had the opportunity to drop in last week. I want to acknowledge the transport minister, who is next to me, and the wonderful staff at TMR, along with Hutchies builders. They are making great progress. This is a full accessibility upgrade, so it will ensure that everyone in our community is able to travel more easily and more safely. It will keep our community connected. This is what the Miles Labor government is delivering for Bundamba.