



Speech By Linus Power

MEMBER FOR LOGAN

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Logan Electorate, Road Upgrades

Mr POWER (Logan—ALP) (6.03 pm): I want to let Jimboomba residents know that the second stage of the Jimboomba to South Street project is now under tender and that construction will soon be underway. The project includes upgrading the Johanna Street intersection, including a left turn at Tamborine Street; widening the highway to four lanes, including the new southbound-only bridge over the old railway culvert; and improving the South Street intersection. It is a big project and we are continuing to back it. The minister is here and he is a big backer of the project. We are backing it despite the fact that there have been big increases in the cost of steel, concrete and bitumen.

Strangely, earlier this week, an LNP member of the House, who really should know better, seemed to forget that construction started on the first part of this project to build the pedestrian underpass in 2022. It includes the concrete disability accessible paths and the improved safer pedestrian crossing at Cusack Lane. It seems like the member for Scenic Rim—because he asked who that was—had no idea that that project was completed. That is how out of touch he is with the first stage of the project, which actually happened in 2022. The member for Scenic Rim was also silent when the LNP cut over \$160 million in funding from the Mount Lindesay Highway over seven years. In fact, there was nothing done by the LNP during their time in government between Brisbane and Jimboomba. There was absolutely nothing.

In fact, when looking at the 2012 cuts, I actually found a new cut—and the member for Scenic Rim should listen. In 2015, the four lanes between Green Road and Granger Road ended with a collection of signs and posts strewn across the road, forcing drivers to merge. Now I am able to table a press release that shows that this project was actually cut because the LNP was supposed to take it through to Granger Road.

Tabled paper: Media release, dated 11 April 2007, from the then Minister for Transport and Main Roads, Hon. Paul Lucas, titled 'Bids to double Mt Lindesay Highway' <u>752</u>.

The member for Scenic Rim was absolutely silent. When I was elected in 2015, I was horrified by the abrupt merge and we had to start a new project to complete it called the Rosia Road to Granger Road project. We continued the upgrade from Granger Road all the way through to Chambers Flat Road.

Mr Krause interjected.

Mr POWER: The member for Scenic Rim says that that is only in Logan, but so many of his residents go through it. There is more to do and I am always speaking to the main roads minister about the future projects on the Mount Lindesay, Camp Cable and Waterford-Tamborine roads.

Mr Krause interjected.

Mr POWER: I note the member for Scenic Rim is again saying that, if there are any increases, he will cut these projects, just like they cut the project through to Granger Road back in 2012—and he is silent. The contrast is very clear: this government has a strong commitment to investing in the Mount Lindesay Highway and other Logan main roads, but the LNP has a record of over \$160 million in cuts, including abruptly shutting down projects like Rosia Road and building nothing on the Mount Lindesay Highway between Brisbane and Jimboomba.