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ADJOURNMENT

Mount Lindesay Highway

 **Mr POWER** (Logan—ALP) (12.05 am): Mr Speaker, you no doubt know how passionate I am about the Mount Lindesay Highway. It is one of the key arteries that gets families in Logan to work, home from work, to recreation—places like the Park Ridge Pirates or the Jimboomba United Football Club—and to shopping. Nothing is more important than getting home safe.

I am so pleased that we started construction on the duplication of the Mount Lindesay Highway from Johanna Street to South Street before the LNP could cut it. It is vitally important that we get this duplication in place. The improved intersections at Johanna Street, Tamborine Street and South Street will make those crossings safer and faster. Most importantly, the road will be widened to four lanes and a bridge will be built across the rail line, building upon the work we did two years ago when we started the project to build the pedestrian underpass.

The LNP have actually built nothing on the Mount Lindesay Highway between Jimboomba and Browns Plains. In fact, one project that they inherited in their time in 2012 was the project from Green Road through to Stoney Camp Road but, as we know, when there were financial problems with the builder they cut and ran and actually stopped that project. The project was abandoned at Rosia Road. Not only that, but a further \$160 million was cut from the Mount Lindesay Highway, this vital artery.

If the LNP try to stop the construction of the four lanes in Jimboomba between Johanna Street and South Street, I will not be silent like the LNP members were. I will fight every day in this place to ensure it cannot be cut. When we finish this project—and I will not let it be stopped—I want to challenge the member for Buderim to be the very first transport minister from the LNP in a generation to actually build something on the Mount Lindesay Highway between the Logan Motorway and Jimboomba. Absolutely nothing has happened in a generation of LNP transport ministers and I want to push them to do a grade separation at Green Road.

The LNP has committed to putting out a plan for community consultation in the first half of the year, but I also want to see four lanes between Chambers Flat Road and Green Road. I will be fighting for these projects and my challenge to the member for Buderim, the transport minister, is for him to be the first minister in a generation to actually do some work on the Mount Lindesay Highway between Browns Plains and Jimboomba.