




Speech By
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 **Hon. A LEAHY** (Warrego—LNP) (Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers) (2.21 pm): I rise to update the House on how the Crisafulli LNP government is delivering for the Warrego electorate. We promised a fresh start at the last election and that we would deliver for regional Queensland. We have been busy, and it will take more than three minutes to get through the long list.

We have committed \$105 million to the first ever Exclusion Fence Restitution Program to help producers rebuild their exclusion fencing that was damaged by the floods earlier this year. We have funded \$155 million worth of Betterment projects to aid access to places like Quilpie, Thargomindah, Hungerford, Yowah and Cunnamulla during flood events. We are delivering a rebuild of the more than 90-year-old Eulo Bridge over the Paroo River.

In Dalby, we are providing a new multipurpose hall for the state high school and a CT scanner for the hospital to service the entire Western Downs region. In the far west, we are supporting upgrades to the Bob Young Memorial Park at Quilpie. We are providing more housing in Thargomindah and upgrades to the Thargomindah Golf Club. We have also committed funding to the Warri Gate Road, a road that Labor ignored for 10 years.

In Roma, we are working in partnership with the local council to redevelop the Denise Spencer Aquatic Centre, and I thank the Deputy Premier for his commitment and for coming to Roma to make that announcement. We are also extending the Adungadoo Pathway and committing over \$5 million to rehabilitate and widen the Roma-Condamine Road. For 10 years the former Labor government did not spend one cent on the Roma-Condamine Road. We are upgrading the Cunnamulla pool, have committed funding to the Jakelwar Goodooga Road and are providing funding to develop a shire-wide aerodrome master plan for the Balonne Shire.

At Charleville, we have committed funding to address runway defects at the airport, and we have committed \$11 million for the Great Artesian Basin Water Security Program—Australia's best water conservation program. We are delivering a CT scanner for the Charleville Hospital, which is greatly needed in Charleville and the south-west because we only have one CT scanner available in that HHS area. The Residential Activation Fund is supporting hundreds more lots of land in Thargomindah, St George, Roma, Charleville and Dalby. The Crisafulli government is increasing the land supply, because many of these communities are almost out of blocks for housing.

This is not everything; it is all that I can fit into the time that we have allotted here today. I thank the people of Warrego for entrusting me to deliver for them. The Crisafulli government is committed to delivering to Queenslanders, and we have done more for the regions in 12 months than what Labor did in 10 years. This is just the start. We are only just starting. There is much more work to do. We look forward to continuing to deliver for Queenslanders. It is just the start of what we will continue to do.