



Speech By  
**Hon. David Crisafulli**


**MEMBER FOR BROADWATER**

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**MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS**

**Emerald Community Cabinet**

 **Hon. DF CRISAFULLI** (Broadwater—LNP) (Premier and Minister for Veterans) (9.41 am): Our government is delivering a fresh start for Queensland. Ten months ago Queensland voted for change after a decade of decline under Labor—a decline in the number of people who could get into the hospital, a decline in the number of people who felt safe in their home, a decline in the number of people who could afford to keep a roof over their head. For the last 10 months our government has focused on delivering, and we promised to deliver for all Queenslanders, no matter where they lived in our great state.

That is why this month we took our cabinet team to the town of Emerald—to hear directly from local residents, farmers, small businesses, stakeholders and more. It was the first time cabinet had visited Emerald in over a decade. Our government is backing regional Queensland and giving communities a voice after being ignored by Labor for too long. More than 150 residents took part. We talked about jobs, housing, infrastructure, the beef industry, biosecurity, small businesses, local government, education and regional road networks, just to name a few.

We are already delivering for Queenslanders in this part of the state. Our new \$100 million Country Roads Connect program will help make regional roads safer and strengthen the connections between our regional communities. Minister Mickelberg and I joined local member Sean Dillon to announce that the Wyntoon-Springton Road upgrade will be one of 22 projects funded under the program. The project will boost road safety and access to shops, schools and services. It will boost opportunities for producers and businesses across the Central Highlands region. The housing minister was also proud to announce the School Lane housing project.

**Opposition members** interjected.

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** I am not sure why they have found their voice about Emerald after 10 years. They are now speaking about it. They would not be able to point to it on a map, but they can point to the member. There we go.

**Mr Power** interjected.

**Mr SPEAKER:** Order! Member for Logan, did you just hear me? Order!

**Mr CRISAFULLI:** At its heart, community cabinet is about listening to Queenslanders. It is about hearing their priorities and delivering safer, stronger and better connected communities right across our state. I again thank those who took the time to share their ideas with us as well as the local MP in Emerald to help us ensure we shape a better future for the Central Highlands region.