



Speech By Linus Power

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ADJOURNMENT

Road Safety Education

Mr POWER (Logan—ALP) (9.18 pm): I am wearing this yellow ribbon because I want to raise awareness in the Logan community about safe driving. The campaign this year is 'Pledge to drive so others survive'. Every death on Logan roads is both avoidable and a tragedy. I am particularly interested in local roads like the Mount Lindesay Highway. That is why I want to continue to be involved to see investment in new sections of grade separated four-lane roads. The Mount Lindesay Highway, Johanna Street to South Street, project is a major Labor initiative which is under construction at the moment. It will deliver a four-lane road from Johanna Street to South Street and a new safer pedestrian crossing, one that is already in place, but will be enhanced, underneath the Mount Lindesay Highway on the rail tracks. These four-lane upgrades will improve traffic movements.

The biggest improvement will be for those travelling beyond Jimboomba. That is because Labor invested in the whole of Queensland, helping those who live beyond Jimboomba, but it will also see better crossings across the Mount Lindesay Highway for those who are travelling on South Street, Johanna Street or Tamborine Street. Both of these are vital projects. They are projects that will get travellers home sooner and safer, and on a smoother road, enhanced by four lanes on the new bridge. People can travel all the way from Camp Cable Road through to South Street. I know, Mr Deputy Speaker, you would join us in applauding this fantastic Labor initiative which has been put in place and is under construction right now.

What is disappointing is that although this is a four-laning project that continues the Mount Lindesay plan, there has not been any four-laning investment for the Mount Lindesay Highway north of Jimboomba, north of this South Street project, by any LNP roads minister in more than a generation. I am hoping that changes, and that is why I will be putting pressure on this government and this roads minister to be the first in a generation to actually make a significant investment.

We all know that they cut investment in the Mount Lindesay Highway, chopped off the project at Rosia Road such that it was not continued through. We know those documents are in QTRIP; we know there is evidence of that. We also know that there was nothing initiated by the LNP from that Rosia Road stoppage through to beyond Jimboomba. That is why we want to see investment in the Mount Lindesay Highway, and I will continue to fight for it even though the LNP is not committed to it.