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 **Mr DILLON** (Gregory—LNP) (2.41 pm): In my first contribution to this place I spoke about the desperate need for road funding in Gregory. The situation across my electorate after the last decade of decline was depressing holistically, but roads were the real beacon of Labor's failure in Gregory, either building new or maintaining old. What a difference we have seen in the last few months, with record levels of capital investment right across the electorate. Queensland Beef Corridors early works are about to begin on the Alpha-Clermont, Alpha-Tambo and Fitzroy Developmental roads. What a wonderful feat this will be to partner with all three levels of government to deliver ag's biggest contributor—the beef industry—21st century roads to aid in our pursuit of \$30 billion by 2030. These roads are part of a broader program of works such as the May Downs Road in the electorate of Mirani and the Kilcummin Diamond Downs Road in the electorate of Burdekin that will see progressive sealing works undertaken.

The Springton-Wyntoon, Winton-Richmond and Diamantina Developmental roads will all be sealed through Country Roads Connect. What a wonderful program, first promised and now being delivered solely by the Crisafulli government. I thank the members for Burdekin and Buderim for their tireless advocacy and efforts in building this program and now delivering it—ministers in a government that truly understands regional Queensland.

Perhaps the delivery for Gregory that I am most impressed and pleased to see delivered is the final section sealing of the Eyre Developmental Road, locally known as the Cuttaburra. Last week I travelled with the transport minister to Western Queensland to meet with local councils that have all advocated for a long time for these road improvements, but they are not a 'nice to have'; they improve livability and accessibility. You could say they are a necessity.

Birdsville is a truly outback town—as remote as Western Queensland gets. I note its neighbour Betoota mentioned earlier in this parcel of parliament. It is an iconic tourism destination, an organic beef central, country racing mecca and, up until now, unreachable during wet weather due to an unsealed section of road. Imagine living in an iconic tourism destination that supports the most valuable elements of our grass-fed beef production yet having no access when it rains, let alone floods. Thanks to the terrific work of the Minister for Transport and Main Roads and the Minister for Disaster Recovery, who have partnered with the federal government to deliver true betterment, this will now be a reality.

The job is just getting started in terms of improving road conditions. On top of delivering new and vital infrastructure upgrades will be the critical maintenance works that Labor let languish for a decade. I am proud of the giant strides we have made as a government to deliver for Queenslanders, especially in Gregory, in the roads space. We promised to deliver for all Queenslanders and to respect the roles they play, and 21st century roads are central to that. I will ensure they keep rolling out in Gregory.