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 **Miss DOOLAN** (Pumicestone—LNP) (9.21 pm): The Crisafulli government continues to deliver for my electorate of Pumicestone. Earlier this month we completed the Bribie Island Road upgrade from Old Toorbul Point Road to Saint Road one month ahead of schedule. That is a fantastic outcome for our community. After months of roadwork, locals are rightly thrilled to enjoy a smoother and faster drive to and from Bribie Island. The feedback from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. Fran from Ningi said, 'It certainly is a much faster drive. It makes such a difference.' Nicole from Bribie Island said, 'Fantastic! I really appreciate the Queensland government's investment and delivery in our community. I drove through last night and it was wonderful.' Infrastructure upgrades and better transport remain a major focus of mine because I know how important it is to get people home sooner and safer.

I am also pleased to congratulate our local transport operator Caboolture Bus Lines on winning the contract to deliver the on-demand bus service for Bribie Island. This was an election commitment, and I thank Karen, Cecilia and the wider Better Bribie Transport group for their advocacy over the past couple of years to help make this service a reality for our community. I also thank the Treasurer for joining me a couple of weeks ago at my Brewing Business event, where he spoke about our government's work to support Queensland's economy, strengthen our small business sector and help Queenslanders achieve the dream of home ownership. I am looking forward to our next Brewing Business event on 8 April at the Bribie Island RSL where we will be joined by the Minister for Housing and Public Works, Sam O'Connor.

I also take this opportunity to recognise the incredible contribution of small businesses across Pumicestone. These businesses work hard every single day to keep our local economy strong and provide the goods and services our community relies on. I am also proud to say that our Pumicestone Business Excellence Awards are open once again. It is always one of the busiest and most exciting events of the year. Nominations have finally opened up. For those businesses that have not nominated just yet, I encourage them to jump on my Facebook page and get involved. We have added a new category this year, best pet store, and I cannot wait to see the nominations continue to roll in.

I also give a shout-out to the many wonderful women across Pumicestone who were nominated as inspirational women during Queensland Women's Week. In particular I acknowledge Rachael Hincksman, who received a significant number of nominations. Rachael and her husband are now running Beachmere Takeaway, and they are doing a fantastic job delivering great food and outstanding customer service for the Beachmere community.

I would like to conclude with an important message to the people of Pumicestone. I know that families are feeling the pressure right now. When fuel prices rise, it affects everything—from the cost of getting to work to the price of everyday essentials. For communities like Toorbul, Beachmere and Ningi—where so many people rely on their cars—that pressure is felt even more sharply. This is a national issue that requires a national response, and there is a clear role for the federal government to step up.