




Speech By
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 **Hon. RM BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training) (9.03 pm): With this week being the anniversary of the parliamentary class of 2009, of which I am a member, I wish to take this opportunity to thank my community, as always, for their overwhelming and continued support over the years. One of the most rewarding parts of being a member of parliament is being able to deliver for your local community. This includes improving local infrastructure and services. Despite the difficulties over many years under the former Labor government, which were not particularly interested in supporting our community, I am proud to have delivered many significant projects for our electorate, even from opposition. Now with the Crisafulli LNP government listening to the concerns and needs of our community, I am pleased to have delivered even more for our electorate.

Thanks to the Crisafulli LNP government, work is finally now underway to fix the Austinville Causeway. Locals know I have been relentlessly campaigning to raise the Austinville Causeway over many years. This causeway has been a constant cause of frustration for local families who are routinely cut off from the rest of our community with heavy rainfall. I was pleased to see survey work commencing last month and clearing work commence this month to prepare the site for construction. We are delivering targeted local upgrades like new signage in Springbrook to improve our local road system, with installation expected to begin shortly, weather permitting.

It is not just community projects that the Crisafulli LNP government is delivering across the Mudgeeraba electorate. We are delivering tangible cost-of-living relief for individuals and families, like our Back to School Boost which provides \$100 for every primary school student to assist Mudgeeraba families with school essentials, or the Crisafulli LNP government's Play On! sports vouchers which are currently open for application and provide up to \$200 to support kids to get active and involved in our great local sporting clubs. It is initiatives like our Women's Career Grants program which provides up to \$5,000 to help reduce the cost of returning to work for women in our community and, indeed, right across Queensland, or it is initiatives like the Crisafulli LNP government's permanent 50-cent fares which could soon be used at our new Merrimac train station, with major construction expected to be completed in 2026.

Across the board it is clear that the Crisafulli LNP government is delivering a fresh start for our community, with safety where you live, health services when you need them, a better lifestyle through a stronger economy and a plan for Queensland's future. But the work is not done yet. There is plenty more still to be achieved for my community, particularly as we work to fix Labor's decade of decline, and I look forward to the job ahead.