

## Question on Notice

No. 903

Asked on Tuesday 11 June 2019

**MRS S WILSON** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the \$20 million Commonwealth funding for Bribie Island road upgrades—

Will the Minister outline the (a) progress of the State Government in preparing a detailed project proposal plan, (b) progress of any other administrative arrangements/sign offs and (c) details of the scope of works to be included in (a) above?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Pumicestone for the question.

I refer the Member to answers to Questions on Notice 30, 95, 1093, 1559 and 1654 in 2018 and to answers to Questions on Notice 43, 68, 407, 481 and 520 of 2019 asked by the Member in relation to Bribie Island Road.

On 27 February 2019, I wrote to the Australian Government seeking clarification regarding its funding commitment to upgrade Caboolture–Bribie Island Road and agreement to work together to identify preferred candidate projects to be funded under this commitment.

Despite what was contended by the Member publicly, it was only in the 2019–20 Federal Budget announced on 2 April 2019, where the Australian Government finally confirmed \$20 million in federal funding for upgrades to Caboolture–Bribie Island Road. This was even though the money was promised by then Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull in July 2018, during the Longman by-election. Unfortunately, this funding is not new money being provided to Queensland but has been scraped together from savings on other road projects previously funded in Queensland.

As the Federal LNP has finally confirmed it will provide its long-awaited contribution to Bribie Island Road, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) will develop a project proposal report (PPR), detailing the proposed scope of the Caboolture–Bribie Island Road upgrades that will be undertaken with the funding. When completed, TMR will submit the PPR for the Australian Government's consideration and approval. Any project delivery is subject to the timely approval of the PPR by the Federal LNP Government.

While the residents of Bribie Island have waited over eight months for the Federal LNP to confirm it would finally fund its by-election commitment, the Palaszczuk Labor Government had allocated \$10.4 million to install traffic signals and upgrade the intersection of Caboolture–Bribie Island Road and Old Toorbul Point Road. Design is underway and construction will follow shortly thereafter.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering a record \$23 billion, over four years, to improve Queensland's transport and roads infrastructure which will improve efficiency and safety right across Queensland while sustaining 21,500 jobs.

However, the LNP's approach stands in sharp relief. The residents of Bribie Island have seen first hand the approach of the Federal LNP who delayed funding for over eight months when they lost the Longman by-election. The State LNP also has a poor record when it comes to transport and roads investment, with the former Newman LNP Government cutting \$600 million from roads and transport investment when it was in power, sacking 14,000 workers, and spending millions of dollars in taxpayers' money trying to sell off Queensland's assets.