



Annastacia Palaszczuk

WORKING TOGETHER FOR QUEENSLAND

\$19 million for Emu Park Road under Labor

A re-elected Palaszczuk Labor Government will invest \$19 million to upgrade Rockhampton – Emu Park Road including delivering overtaking lanes and other priority safety and capacity improvements.

Labor Member for Keppel Brittany Lauga made the announcement and said the overtaking lanes and upgrades to Emu Park Road would mean a safer journey for local families, commuters and boaties coming from and going to Emu Park.

“Queensland’s strong health response to COVID-19 has allowed us to get on with the job of delivering Queensland’s plan for economic recovery,” Ms Lauga said.

“Under Labor close to \$810 million has been delivered for better roads and transport in Central Queensland, and we’ve been able to bring works forward as part of a \$1 billion pipeline of road works to get our economy going.

“The LNP’s razor gang under Campbell Newman and his Assistant Minister Deb Frecklington cut \$1.6 billion from Queensland roads, sacked 700 roadbuilders, including local road workers, cut funding for council roads and tried to sell off our public port and rail assets.

“Local residents have raised the lack of overtaking lanes with me and now I am delivering for them. This \$19 million upgrade will help improve safety on that road, and I know the community will be right behind me on this.

Ms Lauga said there was a roads bonanza in our region under Labor – whether it’s the jointly funded \$157 million Bruce Highway upgrades in Rockhampton’s north, the \$80 million Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road upgrade, the \$30 million upgrade to Rockhampton-Emu Park Road to deliver road train access to the abattoirs and the planned \$1 billion ring road.

“Unlike the LNP, the Palaszczuk Labor Government has a fully-funded plan for our roads and for the Bruce Highway”

Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said the funding will form part of a \$25.7 billion Queensland Transport Roads Investment Program over the next four years which will support 22,800 Queensland jobs.

“That’s unlike Deb Frecklington and the LNP who have made more than \$26 billion in promises, and with no way to pay other than to cut, sack and sell,” Mr Bailey said.

“ In fact, independent analysis says Deb Frecklington will need to sack more than 30,000 workers to pay for her unfunded promises.

“Canberra’s failure to back Deb Frecklington’s \$33 billion unfunded Bruce Highway fantasy proves that under the LNP, they’ll cut funding, sack workers and sell public assets.

“Labor backs jobs and backs our industries, and thanks to Queenslanders stepping up to manage the health response, the Palaszczuk Government is able to build better roads and importantly create more than 1,000 jobs in traditional industries like construction.”

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