

west, would be the first to benefit.

The city will get \$45 million for a ring road to take traffic out of the CBD and \$5 million to replace the West Creek Railway Bridge.

Another \$5 million would be used to draft a business case for a second Toowoomba range crossing and lobby the Federal

Government to build the project. Mr Newman said more than 6000 trucks travelled down Toowoomba's streets each day

because Labor failed to deliver. "The second range crossing has been promised for decades but never delivered," he said. - AAP

Bundamba candidate offended by Labor staffer's tweets

I'm not on the dole

LNP candidate for Bundamba Michael Kitzelmann has taken umbrage at Twitter comments made by a staffer of Labor rival Jo-Anne Miller.

Mrs Miller's campaign manager Steve Axe has made a number of tweets on his personal account directed at Mr Kitzelmann.

They included claims that he was on the dole and that he was spending too much on his campaign with a wife and child to support.

"From what I've heard, because I don't have a Twitter account, but guys on my team said this is what is being put out on Twitter about me," Mr Kitzelmann said.

"I want to run based on the issues and I'm focused on winning this seat based on the issues of what the locals are telling me.

"With regards to being on the dole, I'm not on the dole. I have never received money from the dole in my entire life.

"I am unemployed; I'm a full-time candidate. I guess the easiest way to explain it is I'm self-employed.

"I'm not interested in getting dragged into mud-slinging; it's not appropriate, we should be focusing on the issues at hand, and I don't

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think Mr Axe's taxpayer-funded job should include spending time on social websites.

"I'm dedicated to winning this seat so for someone to try and bring me into disrepute with outright lies and disinformation is inappropriate."

Mr Axe confirmed he made the tweets, saying he had received plenty of flak from the LNP and he was responding to their comments.

"They said the ALP doesn't care about the electorate. In my private time I said there was no truth to that," Mr Axe said.

"As far as him being on the dole I was probably being a bit cheeky, saying that because he's currently not working and I was having a bit of a go at them for the amount of money they're spending, which is quite substantial; they've got a huge billboard at the moment.

"There's been plenty of tweets from the LNP. I don't want to get into a Twitter war.

"I've sent them to people personally not as a campaign manager, not as a Jo-Anne Miller staffer, not as part of the campaign.

"They were done outside hours; I don't see why I can't say or do it. They are constantly having a go at me on Twitter.

"I am concerned that he's a married man with a young child and in the third-safest seat in Queensland he is unlikely to win and I understand that he wasn't getting money from the LNP head office and therefore I was concerned he was spending his own money, being unemployed and I was showing genuine concern."

Mrs Miller said Mr Axe was entitled to have social media accounts as a private individual and that the comments were made in his own time.



NOT HAPPY: Candidate Michael Kitzelmann. Photo: File

Mr Bob Katter originally wanted to be called The Australian Party, but the Australian Electoral Commission knocked it back because it could be mistaken for an already registered name or abbreviation.

The party registered as Katter's Australian Party and applied for The Australian Party to be recognised as its abbreviated name, the Queensland Supreme Court has heard.

The Queensland Electoral Commission approved the request in January.

Now the party wants ballot papers shredded and reprinted with its full name, except on ballots that have already been cast, its lawyer, Sandy Street, told the court.

"It has a real potential consequence of masking and obscuring the identity of the party's endorsed candidates," Mr Street said.

Justice Roslyn Atkinson said the confusion was of the party's "own making".


"I'm not quite sure how a party that does something on its own volition fully armed with all the information now says what we did is wrong and is seeking a court order," Justice Atkinson said.

The case continues. - AAP

Fraser hails civil unions


THE Queensland MP who paved the way for same-sex civil unions to be legalised in the state has remarked

Fraser said it was a momentous day. "It's a day where many people will realise the legitimate aspirations of a





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