



Speech By
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S STATEMENT

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 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (2.39 pm): I rise to commend the LNP government for delivering when it comes to transport in Cleveland. Whether road, rail, bus, ferry or bike, the Newman government is delivering on transport for Cleveland residents.

Cyclists and pedestrians in Cleveland will soon benefit, with more than \$470,000 in funding allocated to upgrade the Moreton Bay Cycleway, including a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over Ross Canal. The 1.2 kilometres of three-metre-wide shared path along Shore Street, between Masthead Drive and Wharf Street, and a new 30-metre-long, 2½-metre-wide bridge over Ross Canal will greatly improve the bicycle travel experience and safety of residents and visitors who use their bikes to get around the Redlands. The new facilities will improve the connectivity of the Moreton Bay Cycleway and increase safety for cyclists and pedestrians travelling to the Cleveland rail station, bus interchange and other nearby facilities. These local works are part of the \$6.3 million dedicated to projects that are identified as being part of the Connect To initiative.

The recent declaration of Toondah Harbour as a priority development area paves the way for the building of a first-class ferry transport facility in Cleveland that will greatly improve the quality of the journey to and from North Stradbroke Island for residents and locals. The ferry operators, Stradbroke Flyer and Transit Systems, will have better facilities and better amenities to work with. I welcome the streamlined planning around the project that cuts red tape and green tape and fast-tracks the proposal.

With respect to state roads in the Cleveland electorate, I note that the Minister for Transport and Main Roads has initiated a state-wide review of speed limits on local roads. This is a fantastic opportunity for locals, who often know their roads well, to nominate roads to be reviewed. I will personally be using this opportunity to convey existing concerns with the speed limit on Shore Street West. This will be a part of my continued campaigning to improve safety and accessibility along Shore Street West.

The Cleveland Railway Station upgrade and repair is close to being completed. The building contractors are in the middle of the construction work and it is expected to be finished within the next two months or so. The station has received improvements to facilities all around, and the new stop-block system only further adds to safety.

One final area I continue to promote is the identified need for more frequent services at peak hour between Cleveland station and the city. Thousands of people travel to and from the city via these stations every day. The addition of peak-hour services would certainly be a most welcome thing in the community. The Newman government continues to deliver practical transport solutions for the people of Cleveland.