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ADJOURNMENT

Rickertt Road and Green Camp Road Intersection

 **Dr ROBINSON** (Cleveland—LNP) (12.55 am): Northern Redland City residents who battle peak-hour traffic jams every weekday along the Rickertt-Green Camp roads corridor have finally received a solution that will substantially ease their traffic congestion. The good news is that a \$10 million upgrade of the Rickertt Road and Green Camp Road intersection, as part of a bigger \$20 million road upgrade of the Rickertt-Green Camp roads corridor, has been committed to by the federal LNP government and the Brisbane City Council. The intersection upgrade includes the extension of the dual carriageways in both directions past the intersection and the coordination of the traffic signals along both roads. This means a faster commute to and from work and getting kids to school and home earlier.

As part of an RACQ 2016 study of the most unroadworthy roads in Queensland, a survey was conducted that involved 896 responses to 427 local, state and federal roads. The survey showed that that Brisbane City Council road, Rickertt Road, is the fourth worst road in Queensland. That unroadworthiness, together with the traffic congestion of Rickertt Road, makes the corridor one of the most important roads to fix in South-East Brisbane and South-East Queensland.

Over the years, local residents in Wellington Point, Birkdale and other parts of the Cleveland electorate have reported to me the issue of traffic congestion, the three main elements being the Tingalpa Creek Bridge, the single-lane sections and the Green Camp Road intersection. Every hour about 1,000 vehicles pass through that intersection during peak traffic times, commonly resulting in traffic queues up to two kilometres long. It has been a worsening choke point for many years.

The federal LNP member for Bowman, Andrew Laming, previously helped secure federal funding for a joint agreement with Redland City Council to duplicate the road on the Redland City side of the bridge. This week, it has again taken the intervention of the federal LNP member for Bowman, together with the LNP member for Bonner, Ross Vasta, to come to the rescue of Redland City commuters, working with the Brisbane City Council to ease the congestion on the Rickertt-Green Camp roads corridor. I also acknowledge the federal Minister for Major Projects, Paul Fletcher, and Senator Jo Lindgren for their support.

Unfortunately, the state Labor government showed no interest in the previous 14 years of partnering with either the Redland City Council or the Brisbane City Council to fix the road, as it could have. This state budget confirms Labor still has no commitment to fix Redland City roads. I have fought two Labor governments for this much needed upgrade and I am pleased, in partnership with my LNP colleagues, to deliver solutions to Wellington Point and Birkdale commuters.