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Hon Pat Weir MP Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament House George Street BRISBANE QLD 4000 Queensland Legislative Assembly

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Clerk's Signature:

**Dear Speaker** 

I refer to the answer to Question on Notice 367 of 2025 by the Honourable Brent Mickelberg MP, Minister for Transport and Main Roads (*the Minister*), sent to me by the Table Office on Friday 30 May 2025 and tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 29 May 2025 (*the Answer*). On my calculation, this letter is being sent to you within your stated 42-day required period.

For your reference, a copy of the email from the Table Office and the Answer is Attachment A.

In the Answer, the Minister stated that:

"With respect to upgrades along Morayfield Road between the Bruce Highway and Gaffield Street..."

and

"Despite this planning work being done nearly two decades ago, appropriate funding was not provided until the 2024 Financial Year."

(Emphasis added).

Speaker, I submit that in making this statement, the Minister has deliberately misled the House and has therefore committed a contempt of the Parliament, in breach of Standing Order 266(2).<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Standing Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly 2004 (Qld), ord 266(2); Parliament of Queensland Act 2001 (Qld) s 37.

As you are aware, there are three elements to be proven in order to establish that a Member has committed the contempt of deliberately misleading the House:

- 1. The statement must have been misleading;
- 2. The Member making the statement must have known, at the time the statement was made, that it was incorrect; and
- 3. In making the statement, the Member intended to mislead the House.<sup>2</sup>

Speaker I will address each element in turn and provide compelling evidence that the Minister deliberately misled the House.

#### 1. The statement must have been misleading

It bears stating from the onset that, '... the statements made [do not] have to be necessarily false before a contempt could be proved'<sup>3</sup>. The term 'misleading' should be understood in a broad context, referring not only to statements which are inherently false or incorrect, but also to technically correct statements which may also seek to lead the House astray.<sup>4</sup>

Speaker, in the Answer, the Minister identified an area of the road network as the subject of the Answer, namely "...Morayfield Road between the Bruce Highway and Gaffield Street" (the Road). For your reference, a map of the Road is Attachment B.

Speaker, the Minister additionally stated in the Answer that in respect of this identified area of the road network, "...appropriate funding was not provided until the 2024 Financial Year", an alleged period of "...nearly two decades", and implying that the Road had <u>not</u> received appropriate funding for road upgrades during this time.

For the Minister's statements in the Answer to be correct, there should be evidence that there has been **no** funding for planning or construction of road upgrades for the Road since 2006.

This is manifestly untrue for the following reasons:

- 1. a \$1.3m contract was awarded to Aurecon (formerly Connell Wagner) for design work of the Road and was completed in 2009-10 (see <u>Attachment C</u>);
- a major \$153 million Stage 1 upgrade of the Road commenced in late 2011 and was completed in 2013 (see <u>Attachment D</u>);
- 3. the Gleeson Road intersection was upgraded in 2022-23 and is located on the Road (see Attachment E);

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Committee of the Legislative Assembly (Qld), Code of Ethical Standards (June 2018) 16 [2.6].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, Parliament of Queensland, *Report on a Matter of Privilege – The Alleged Misleading of The House by a Minister on 14 November 1996* (Report No 4, January 1997), 10 [8] ('Report No 4').

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Ibid; Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, Parliament of Queensland, *Report on a Matter of Privilege – Matter referred to the committee on 9 April 2002* (Report No 52, July 2002), [2.1] ('Report No 52').

- 4. the Paradise Road intersection was improved at various times and is located on the Road (see Attachment F);
- key locations along the Road from Aquatic Centre Drive to Paradise Road; Paradise Road to Graham Road, and Lindsay Road to Oakey Flat Road were upgraded from 2018 (see Attachment G); and
- 6. the SupaCentre/Homestyle Homemaker Centre intersection was upgraded in 2019-20 and is located on the Road (see <u>Attachment H)</u>.

Speaker, this evidence directly contradicts the Minister's Answer and demonstrates that the Answer by the Minister is misleading because clearly there have been funded upgrades on the Road since 2006.

Speaker, I therefore contend that the first element of the contempt has been obviously made out.

# 2. The Member making the statement must have known, at the time the statement was made, that it was incorrect.

Speaker, there is no plausible circumstance where the Minister would not have been aware that the Answer was misleading.

Regarding the content of the Answer, the Minister would have received advice from the Minister's Department about the extent of upgrades of the Road. In fact, a basic web search would have provided the extensive list of upgrades of the Road.

Furthermore, the Answer by the Minister is in the form of a carefully prepared answer to a Question on Notice. As you would be aware, Speaker, the process for preparing such answers is one of great detail involving advice from the Minister's Department and review by the Minister's policy advisors and other personnel.

Logically, the preparation of the Answer would require the Minister to fully and properly consider the contents of the Answer and to be satisfied that the Answer contained accurate information. Any suggestion to the contrary would, in my respectful submission, be a complete nonsense and only be evidence that the Minister did not faithfully and diligently discharge his duty.

Therefore, there is no cogent defence that the Minister can summons as to the fact that he should have known that the statement about the Road contained in the Answer was misleading when he made it.

Speaker, with all the resources available to the Minister from his Department, the Minister clearly should have known the statement about the Road contained in the Answer was incorrect and I submit that the second element has therefore been proven on the basis outlined above.

#### 3. In making the statement, the Member intended to mislead the House.

As stated in McGee on Parliamentary Procedure, 'an inference of an intention to mislead can be drawn where the member can be assumed to have personal knowledge of the stated facts and made the statement in a formal manner or situation'<sup>5</sup>.

Additionally, the former Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee has noted that '[t]he presumption of an intention to deliberately mislead the House will more readily arise with statements made in a situation ... such as a personal explanation or in a carefully considered statement'.<sup>6</sup>

A distinction may readily be drawn between comments made in such situations as those above and those which come 'off-the-cuff'. Speaker, the Minister was not speaking 'off-the-cuff'. The Minister made the misleading statement about the Road in a pre-prepared, well-considered answer to a Question on Notice. Respectfully, there can be no clearer example of a carefully considered statement than a response to a Question on Notice as ministers are provided 30 calendar days to provide answers based on advice and review from their respective departments and ministerial staffers.

I refer you, Speaker, to the comments of the Member's Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee when they confirmed that 'all members ... owe the highest duty of disclosure to the House and should always ensure that information provided is correct'. The Answer cannot be explained away as hyperbole, or 'mere subjective "puffery", that wasn't meant to be taken literally. The Minister made the misleading statement in a written answer to a Question on Notice. This evidence of research goes not only to the fact that the statements are more than rhetorical, they also reflect and substantiate my contention that they were *corefully considered*.

More to the point, Speaker, I note that the lungeous tone of the Minister's answer reflects an intention to incorrectly suggest that the Road had been neglected by previous governments.

The only logical explanation for the Minister's answer based on the evidence available, was that his statement was a calculated attempt to deceive the House, and a shameful political tactic.

It is my submission that the Minister intended to mislead the House and therefore the third element of contempt is proven.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> David McGee, Parliamentary Practice in New Zealand (Oratia Books, 4th ed, 2017) 776.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, Report No 52 (n 6) [2.2].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> See generally, ibid [6].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, Parliament of Queensland, Report on a Matter of Privilege – The alleged misleading of the House by a Minister on 20 October 1998 (Report No 27, 17 March 1999), [6]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See Members' Ethics and Parliamentary Privileges Committee, Parliament of Queensland, *Report on a Matter of Privilege – The Alleged Misleading of The House by a Minister on 20 August 1997* (Report No 17, 20 April 1998), 12 [8.1.3].

#### Conclusion

I therefore submit, Speaker, that all three elements of a contempt of the Parliament have been addressed and there is evidence that:

- 1. the statement about the Road contained in the Minister's answer to the Question on Notice was incorrect and misleading;
- 2. the Minister should have known that the statement in the Answer was misleading; and
- 3. there can be no other conclusion than it was the Minister's intention to mislead the House.

For these reasons, the Minister's conduct in respect of the Answer clearly falls short of the standard to be expected of Members of Parliament. The only rational conclusion on the evidence presented herein is that the Minister intended to deliberately mislead the Parliament.

Thank you for considering this matter. Should you require any further information or any clarification of these matters, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP

**State Member for Morayfield** 

#### **Question on Notice**

#### No. 367

#### Asked on 29 April 2025

**HON M RYAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

#### QUESTION:

With reference to the 'Burpengary-Caboolture Road (Morayfield Road), Aquatic Centre Drive to Graham Road, planning' (Investment ID 2263283) in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP)—

Will the Minister advise (a) the planning to date, (b) an estimated date for planning completion, (c) whether any community consultation will be conducted in respect of the planning, (d) whether the Minister will commit to publicly releasing any business cases and/or planning reports and (e) whether the government will commit funding to progress the project to design and construction immediately following completion of the planning stage?

#### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

With respect to upgrades along Morayfield Road between the Bruce Highway and Gaffield Street, I note that prior planning had been undertaken as early as 2006, which included the area referred to by the Member and consisted of engagement with the community.

Despite this planning work being done nearly two decades ago, appropriate funding was not provided until the 2024 Financial Year. The funding allocation allows for planning to continue into late 2025.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to taking a considered, methodical and disciplined approach to the upgrade and maintenance of Queensland's state controlled road network. As such, investment decisions and publication decisions as they relate to this project will be considered at the completion of the current planning stage.

#### Mark Ryan

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Queensland Parliament Table Office

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Morayfield Electorate Office

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Answer to Question on Notice Tabled

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#### **Answer to Question on Notice Tabled**

We wish to advise that the following has been tabled. Electronic copy can be accessed by clicking on the reference link below:

367 Hon M Ryan asked Minister for Transport and Main Roads (Hon B Mickelberg): Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program

All Questions on Notice and Answers can be found on the <u>Queensland Parliament</u> website.

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Aorayfield Road (Gaffield Street to Bruce Highway)



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Dear Mr Ryan Malle,

Thank you for your letter concerning the status of the Morayfield Road Upgrade project.

I am pleased to advise that the upgrade of Morayfield Road between Bruce Highway and Gaffield Street will be progressed as indicated in the recently released South-East Queensland Infrastructure Plan and Program 2009–2026 with construction scheduled to commence in 2010–11 following the completion of all planning work.

In June 2008, the former Department of Main Roads awarded a \$1.3 million contract for design work to consulting firm Aurecon (formerly Connell Wagner) which is expected to be finished by the end of 2009. The design for the preferred option will include a median divided four-lane road, with provision for six lanes in the future. Local traffic will be separated from through traffic by a service road between Gleeson and Paradisa Roads with new traffic signals installed at both intersections.

Furthermore, there will be:

- Intersection upgrades at Graham and Lindsay Roads
- The construction of a new bridge and pedestrian facility over the North Coast rail line
- · Provision of pedestrian and cyclist facilities and
- Possible fauna protection measures such as fauna crossings and fences.

Benefits to the local community will include improved safety, improved travel times and less congestion for all road users.

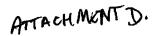
I trust this information is of assistance, and thank you for your representations on behalf of your constituents.

Yours sincerely

ANNA BLIGH MP

PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND





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Regional areas such as Mackey Whitsunday will surely benefit from the Introduction of an additional \$4000 towards the first home owners grant. This windfall will provide a much needed boost to the local construction sector and encourage more people to regions like ours.

A growing population is being met by increases in essential services and this means more teachers and teacher aides, more doctors and more nurses, and more police throughout Queensland. In this financial year we have budgeted for 720 new nurses, 180 new doctors, 300 additional allied health workers, 203 more police officers, 316 teachers and teacher aides and 75 additional ambulance officers.

As one of the state's fastest growing regions we will certainly see our fair share of these positions taken up in our communities. This of course means more housing construction and a boost to the local economy.

Our government's focus on Improving education for all has been borne out in the government's commitment to deliver 240 new kindergartens across the state and I'm pleased to say that 3 of these will soon be located in my electorate. The Seaforth Kindergarten has already been announced and plans are well advanced. I'm delighted that in one of the fastest growing areas of my electorate, the Eimeo Road State School will receive a double unit kindergarten in the next round and that Emmanuel Catholic School has been identified as the site of one of the 40 new fast-tracked kindles.

Together with our support for long day care centres to upgrade training to provide a kindergarten program for 3-4 year olds, this roll out of kindles means a better start for local children and that's great news for families.

At the other end of the education spectrum I also welcome government initiatives that will ensure the training and skilling of our workforce. In particular, I welcome the Treasurer's decision to extend the 125% payroll tax rebate for apprentices and trainees and the \$10 million to continue the development of the Mackay Trade Training Centre at the TAFE in Mackay. As a major hub for the mining services and agriculture sectors, many of our young people look to these sectors for work following school and it is important to encourage businesses to continue to take on apprentices and trainees in these areas.

There are great jobs available in our own region and these initiatives will encourage our young people to stay and work in their own backyard rather than leaving for work in the capital city or even overseas. I look forward to the work of the new Skills Commission adding value to these opportunities in regional Queensland.

This year for the first time the state health budget stands at \$9.99 billion. As our population ages and treatment expectations continue to rise, we are pouring more and more money into the health sector. We are the grateful recipients of this increased funding as evidenced by the opening of new maternity and post-natal services in Proserpine and a mums and bubs drop-in facility in Cannonvale. Probably the single biggest commitment of funds in the health sector though is the redevelopment of the Mackay Base Hospital and the budget contains further funding to keep this important regional project on track.

Base Hospital and the budget contains further surroung to neep and make a make and the funding to ensure a doubling of the number of children who receive a cochlear implant to overcome hearing and speech difficulties. What a wonderful gift to offer the sense of hearing to a child. This is a worthy funding program that I know will bring joy to many.

I also acknowledge the importance of the decision to establish a pain centre at the Townsville hospital. This will be the first time that this service will be available to regional Queenslanders without the need to travel to Brisbane. Living with chronic pain diminishes the quality of life so I welcome the support that will be provided to my constituents through this initiative.

This budget has achieved a fine balance between a focus on hard infrastructure provision with a \$17.1 billion capital component, and a focus on delivering support to families and the most vulnerable members in our communities.

I congratulate the Treasurer on a great State budget that maintains our path to recovery while moving Queensland forward through community development and social responsibility.

Mr RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (2.45 pm). It is indeed an honour to rise in this parliament as the state member for Morayfield and contribute to the debate on the 2010-11 Queensland state budget. Around the world, governments and economies continue to face some of the toughest economic and financial challenges since the Great Depression. Around our state, Queenslanders continue to experience tightening household budgets and employment uncertainty. Whilst economic outlooks may have marginally improved since last year, the current circumstances nonetheless demand that we must stay on course. If we had not acted decisively, if we had not decided to continue building a modern, contemporary Queensland, then we would have denied the dark realities of the moment.

With this state budget this state government is continuing to build the Queensland of tomorrow. With this state budget this state government is delivering real and practical support for vulnerable, marginalised and disadvantaged Queenslanders. With this state budget this state government is creating and supporting jobs for Queenslanders by delivering the public services and public infrastructure desperately needed in our communities. This is a budget for a modern Queensland, and j am proud to support it.

The 2010-11 Queensland state budget continues the work of last year's budget, of reprioritising the role of government. In these contemporary times we must focus on the proper role of modern government. This focus means investing in people. This focus means providing strong, stable and compassionate government for the Queensland of today and the Queensland of tomorrow. This 2010-11 state budget continues the government's investment in strategies which create and support jobs and expand the infrastructure building program, which is delivering new public assets like new hospitals, new schools, new public transport infrastructure and new roads for Queenslanders.

It is for those reasons that the people of the Morayfield state electorate will welcome the initiatives and projects funded in this year's state budget. From a local perspective, I am very pleased to see that the full upgrade of Narangba Railway Station will be funded in this year's budget. Along with the state member for Kallangur, I have been vocal in my advocacy for this critical infrastructure improvement for the Narangba community. The full upgrade of Narangba Railway Station will not only improve disability access to this busy train station but deliver more commuter friendly facilities for rail users. I would like to thank the Treasurer and the Minister for Transport for their support of this important infrastructure project for the people of the Morayfield state electorate.

Morayfield Read from Unimann Road at Burpengary to Gaffield Street at Morayfield. I am especially pleased to see that these roadworks are expected to commence within the next 12 months. Whilst I take this opportunity to thank residents of the Morayfield state electorate in advance for their patience during construction, I am sure that all residents will be excited, as I am, that this long-awaited road project will soon be underway. This commitment is outstanding news for the Morayfield state electorate. I would like to thank the Premier, the Treasurer and the Minister for Main Roads for their strong support of this construction project.

I note that this budget also allocates \$472,500 to upgrade parts of Raynbird Road at Narangba and \$335,000 to upgrade parts of Oakey Flat Road, which is also at Narangba. These upgrades will be warmly received by users of those roads. In addition to funding these infrastructure building projects, funding will also be allocated to plan the provision of a new facility for integrated community based health care at Caboolture, to build new classrooms at Caboolture Special School and to complete a new zone electricity substation at Burpengary. These building projects will not only deliver the public infrastructure needed for the rapidly growing Morayfield state electorate; they will create and support local jobs during construction. These projects are concrete proof of this state government's commitment to provide new public assets for Queensland and support jobs for Queenslanders.

This budget also delivers on this government's commitment to support vulnerable, marginalised and disadvantaged Queenslanders. Madam Deputy Speaker, in light of the time, I seek leave to incorporate the remainder of my budget speech in *Hansard*. Mr Speaker has approved the incorporation of my speech.

#### Leave granted.

In the Morayfield State Electorate, I note that this budget provides:

- Over \$400,000 for crisis accommodation, supported medium-term accommodation and social support for young people;
- Over \$580,000 to help adults with a disability maintain the living arrangements of their choice and participate in their community;
- Over \$145,000 to provide short term and limited resplte support for families, carers and people with a disability;
- Almost \$750,000 to provide emotional and social support to young people to successfully transition into and through the Senior Phase of Learning;
- Over \$3.6 million in Home and Community Care funding for Blue Care to provide support to eligible people throughout the Caboolture-Morayfield region;
- Over \$1.5 million to provide foster, kinship and residential care services for young people with moderate to extreme support needs;
- Over \$3.5 million to construct sixteen, two-bedroom apartments in Morayfield;
- Over \$1.5 million to continue construction of a therapeutic residential care facility in Morayfield; and
- Over \$36 million to support regional employment projects.

This budgetary funding will provide real and practical support for many people living in the Morayfield State Electorate. I welcome this funding on behalf of those people.

The decisions made by the State Government in this year's budget allow the Government to continue supporting jobs and infrastructure expansion around Queensland.

Governments cannot be all things to all people. But government can make decisions to support jobs and help marginalised and disadvantaged people by investing in public infrestructure and public services.

#### This year's budget does that

From a broader Queensland perspective, I am pleased that this year's budget contains the following measures:

- A \$24 per annum cut to CTP insurance on car registration;
- Continuing the 125% payroll tax rebate for people employing apprentices and trainees;
- Increasing the electricity rebate for pensioners and seniors to \$218 per annum;
- Introducing a \$216 concession for eligible people to assist with the electricity costs associated with medical cooling and heating;
- Employing 720 more nurses, 180 more doctors and 300 more allied health professionals;
- Employing 203 more police officers;
- Employing 316 more teachers and teacher aides and increasing the funding for teacher aides by an additional 5,000 teacher aide hours;
- Employing 75 more ambulance officers;

These budgetary strategies are founded solidly in good Labor values and are necessary actions for a modern contemporary Queensland Government.

I am pleased that the 2010-2011 Queensland State Budget is delivering critical public infrastructure and key support measures for the people of the Morayfield State Electorate. I commend the Appropriation Bill to the House and encourage all Members of this House to support this year's State Budget.

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Morayfield road upgrade gets the green light

THE four laning of Morayfield Rd to the Bruce Highway will not be delayed as a result of recent natural disasters

State Member for Morayfield Mark Ryan received the assurance when he met with Main Roads officials last week

"Whilst the destruction caused by the recent flood and cyclone events means that the delivery of some projects and programs will have to be reprioritised, I have been advised by the Department that the current construction timeframes for the Morayfield Road Upgrade Project have not changed," Mr Ryan said

Construction is expected to start in the middle of this year

The first stage will be from Gympie Crock to Gaffield St

The \$153 million project will include the duplication of the bridge over the tailway line, a centre median and the installation of truffic lights at the Paradise and Gleeson roads intersections

Also, there will be a bike lane, a walkway over the railway bridge and improved pedestrian crossings. Provision will be made for a future upgrade to six lanes

Morayfield Rd carries between 21,000 and 28,000 vehicles a day.

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# State Election: Heat on LNP to back \$153m

THE LNP's candidate for Morayfield, Darren Grimwade, has refused to guarantee the \$153 million upgrade of Morayfield Rd will go ahead under a LNP state government.

State Member for Morayfield Mark Ryan (Labor) said the project would be at risk under the LNP after its leader Campbell Newman said he would halt a \$90 million intersection upgrade in the electorate of Ashgrove, allowing only intersection turning lane improvements to see how traffic flow could be improved.

It comes as Premier Anna Bligh announced the election would be held on March 24, and council elections would be moved to April 28.

Mr Ryan said there was no funding in the LNP's Infrastructure Plan for the Morayfield Rd upgrade (four lanes from Gaffield Rd to the Bruce Hjgnway).

Mr Grimwade said he was "not the minister" to make that announcement.

"I'm not sure if the (shadow) minister was here he would specifically rule in or rule out anything," he said. would suggest if the road is in full motion ... then obviously that road would go ahead.".

He said according to the announced construction building timetable it would be under way by election day.

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Our ref: MC55620 Minister for Main Roads, Fisheries and Marine Infrastructure

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Mr Mark Ryan MP Member for Morayfield Unit 3, 67 Morayfield Road Caboolture South Qld 4510

Dear Mr Ryan

Thank you for your letter about the project to upgrade Morayfield Road to four lanes.

As you would be aware, this project will cater for significant growth by expanding Morayfield Road from two to four lanes from the Bruce Highway to Gaffield Street at a cost of \$153 million.

I am advised that the Morayfield Road upgrade is still on track with works to commence on Stage 1 (Gympie Creek to Gaffield Street) this year.

The tender for the minor works contract to relocate water and sewerage was released on 23 March 2011, allowing a contractor to be on site in May, weather permitting. The commencement of services relocations in May is the start of the construction phase of the project, with services relocation expected to be completed by mid-year.

The major works contract for Stage 1 is expected to go to tender in June with major construction getting underway in late 2011 and finishing in early 2013, weather permitting.

Once completed, the project will provide significant benefits to the community by improving safety, access and easing congestion for motorists during peak periods.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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1 June 2011

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Dear Mr Ryan

The Department of Transport and Main Roads would like to advise you that work to relocate services for the first stage of the Morayfield Road upgrade between Gympie Creek and Gaffield Street is about to commence.

The department has appointed consulting firm GHD to administer the delivery of this early work and the overall construction program. A contractor will soon be appointed to construct the roadwork for the upgrade, which is scheduled to start later this year.

The early work will involve relocating water, sewerage, power and telecommunication services to prepare for roadwork associated with the four-lane upgrade.

For your information, general working hours for the early work will be 7 am to 5 pm, Monday to Saturday. The project team will contact those who may be affected by the work outside of these hours prior to undertaking these activities. This work is expected to be finished by late 2011.

Motorists travelling through the area are encouraged to slow down and look for details of any changed traffic conditions on construction message boards.

The project team will provide you with details of the roadwork for the upgrade prior to the start of construction. In the meantime, if you would like further information, please contact the department's Project Manager, Mr Andrew Cummings on 5370 5555.

Yours sincerely

**Greg Wyatt** 

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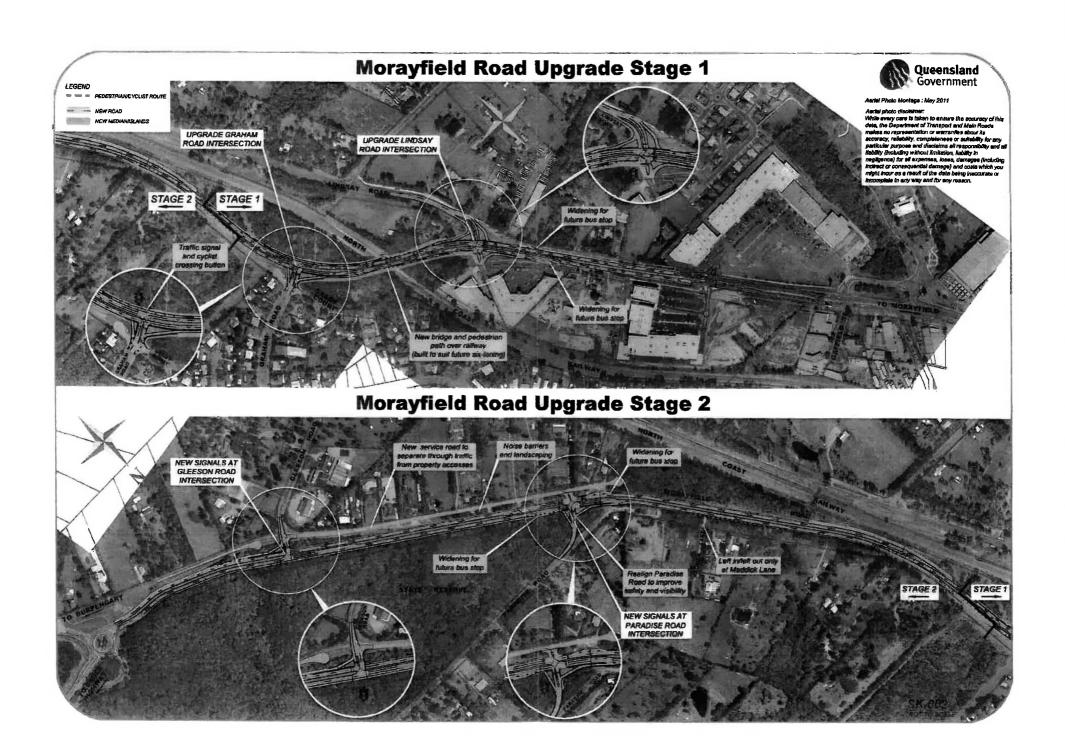
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## Morayfield Road and Beerburrum Road Route Safety Project

Setween Aquatic Centre Drive and Graham Road intersections
September 2020

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) would like to provide you with an update on the Buspengary-Ceboolture Road (locally known as Morayfield Road) and Secriburum Road Route Safety Project.

This eignificant project consists of a suite of works being delivered as part of the Queensland Government's Targeted Road Stafety Program, which either to improve road safety by implementing high-benetit, cost-effective treatments at known and potential crash-locations.

TMR advises that design work is underway to improve road user safety on Morayfield Road between Aquatic Centra Drive and Graham Road.

The proposed key safety improvements include:

- Installing traffic signals at Glosson Road intersection to provide safer turning conditions.
- installing wide centre line treatment to reduce the risk of head-on crashes by separating vehicles travelling in opposing directions.
- vegetation cleaning and the removal of roadside hazards
- providing on-road bike lanes
- retrabilitating the existing road surface on Morayfield Road between Paradise Road and Graham Road.

Detailed design is anticipated to be complete by early 2021, with construction currently programmed to start in 2021, weather and construction scheduling permitting. Updated construction timeframes for the project will be provided following design completion.

Upcoming works

As part of the design process, geotechnical investigations will be carried out on Morayfield Road between Aquatic Centra Drive and Paradise Road. Burpangary, Please see attached map for work locations.

Geotechnical investigations will be carried out to confirm the pavement thickness and condition of material underlying the road. Due to the high volumes of traffic on Morayfield Road during the day and the tane closures required for these activities, the investigation works will be undertaken at night.

The investigations are scheduled for Tuesday 6 October 2020 and are expected to take two nights to complete, weather and construction conditions permitting.

What to expect:

- majority of investigation works will be undertaken at night between 7pm and 5am on Tuesday 6 October and Wednesday 7
- temporary lane closures, reduced speed limits, construction signage and traffic control measures will be in place for the safety of road workers and motorists.
- reversing beepers and flushing lights are a safety requirement and will be used during working flours
- minor noise, vibration and possible dust can be expected
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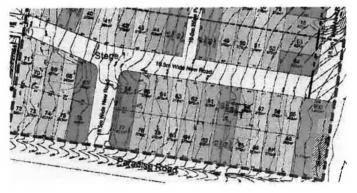
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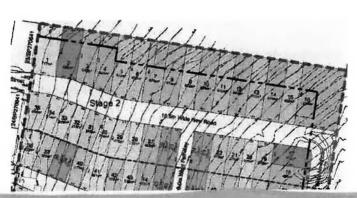


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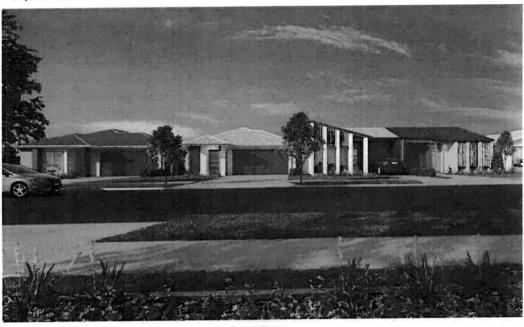


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Minister for Transport and Main Roads
The Honourable Mark Bailey

#### Caboolture crossroads scores major revamp

The Palaszczuk Government has announced the first intersection to receive a major upgrade as part of safety works worth \$26.8 million for Cabooliture and Moravfield.

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"These two busy roads are the spine of the community hase in Cabootture and Monsylleid," he said.

'As we know, the less time you spend sitting in traffic the more time you have to spend at home, or out with family and friends.

"So these road and intersection improvements will make a real difference to people's lives here in our local area.

"Works at the locations we have chosen will include a combination of line marking, new traffic signals, changes to existing signals, pedestrian facilities, removal of hazards, road widening, and new signs."

Design is progressing for the following locations:

#### Morayfield Road

- Aquatic Drive to Paradise Road
- Paradise Road to Granam Road
- · Lindsay Road to Oakey Flat Road
- Caboolture River Road to Oaklands Street
- Eillot Street and Esme Avenue Intersection.

#### Beerburrum Road

- King Street to McKean Street
- Industry Drive and Old Gymple Road intersection.

The Morayfield Road-Beerbussum Road safety improvements project will be delivered as part of the Ouwensland Government's Targeted Road Safety (TRS) Program.

Design and construction will be completed in stages, and feedback will be sought from local stakeholders, on the proposed safety improvements as they are developed.

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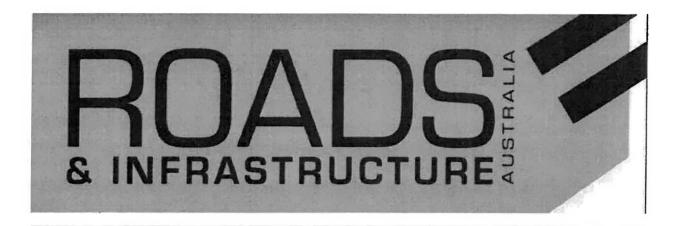
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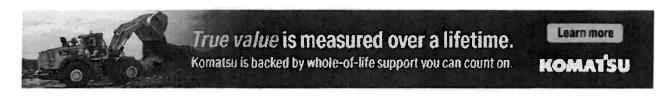
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# Caboolture and Morayfield intersections undergo \$28.8M safety upgrade

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"Works at the locations we have chosen will include a combination of line marking, new traffic signals, changes to existing signals, pedestrian facilities, removal of hazards, road widening, and new signs."

Design is progressing for the Aquatte Drive to Paradise Road, Paradise Road to Graham Road, Lindsay Road to Oakey Flat Road, Caboolture River Road to Oaklands Street, and the Elliot Street and Esme Avenue intersection of Morayfield Road.

King Street to McKean Street and the Industry Drive and Old Gympie Road intersection are the section of Beerburrum Road where design is currently progressing.

The safety improvements project will be delivered as part of the Queensland Government's Targeted Road Safety Program.

Design and construction will be completed in stages, with feedback to be sought from local stakeholders, on the proposed safety improvements as they are developed.

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#### \$29m for crash corners

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MORE than \$28 million will be spent to improve Morayfield's most dangerous intersections.

State Labor MP for Morayfield Mark Ryan said the Queensland government would spend \$28.8 million on safety improvements at 17 locations along Morayfield and Beerburrum roads. Mr Ryan said the upgrades were funded through the government's Targeted Road Safety Program.

"Morayfield Rd and Beerburrum Rd are two of the busiest roads in our local area," he said. "Unfortunately a number of crashes have been reported at intersections along these two roads, identifying them as requiring multiple safety upgrades." Morayfield Rd, between Torrens Rd and Market Drive, including the dangerous right-hand turn from Jacaranda Ave, is first in line for a makeover, including a new set of traffic lights.

Professionals Caboolture owner Leigh Chippendale has long advocated for traffic signals at the Jacaranda Ave intersection. "As a business owner in this location, my staff and I regularly see accidents occur," she said. "Hopefully with the installation of traffic lights, there should be a significant reduction in the number of accidents."Mr Ryan said construction was expected to start later in the year.





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# \$28.8 million Investment to Improve Road Safety in the Morayfield Region

04 May 2018

State Member for Morayfield, Mark Ryan, today announced a \$28.8 million investment by the Queensland Government in safety improvements at seventeen locations along Morayfield Road and Beerburgum Road

Mr Ryan said these much needed improvements would be funded through the government's Targeted Road Safety Program.

"Morayfield Road and Beerburrum Road are two of the busiest roads in our local area." he said.

"Unfortunately a number of crashes have been reported at intersections along these two roads, identifying them as requiring multiple safety upgrades.

"Design work has started on these projects, with construction expected to commence this year.

"The first section I can announce is the area between Torrens Road and Market Drive on Morayfield Road, including the dangerous right turn from Jacaranda Avenue, which will receive traffic lights."

Local business owner Leigh Chippendale has long advocated for traffic signals at the Jacaranda Avenue intersection.

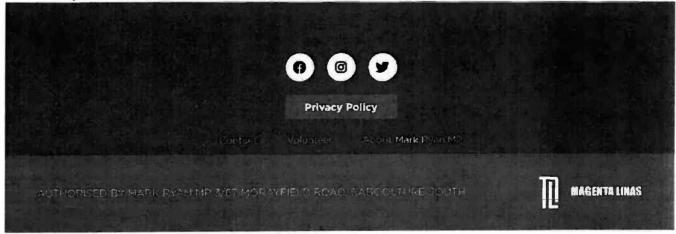
"I am very happy to see that there will be traffic lights installed at this intersection," Mrs Chippendale said.

"I formally contacted Mark in relation to the ever-increasing amount of traffic accidents which occur on this part of Morayfield Road.

"As a business owner in this location, my staff and I regularly see accidents occur.

"Hopefully with the installation of traffic lights, there should be a significant reduction in the number of accidents.

Mr Ryan said these very important local road works would also contribute to the Government's state-wide goal of reducing road accident-related fatalities and hospital admissions - as outlined in the Queensland Road Safety Strategy





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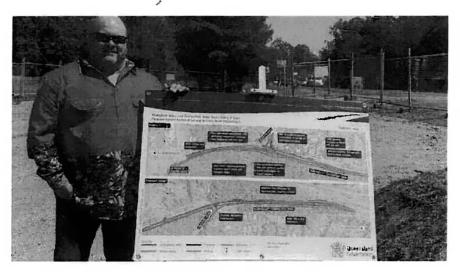
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#### Major road upgrades to start in Morayfield

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Words by Nick Crockford

Crews will soon start work to upgrade 2.3kms of Morayfield Rd in Burpengary, making the road safer and more efficient.

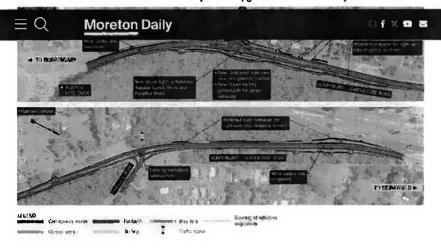
Transport and Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey said a range of Improvements would be made between Aquatic Centre Dve and Graham Rd.

"These upgrades are the last package delivered as part of the broader Morayfield Rd and Beerburrum Rd Route Safety Project, funded through our camera detected offence program," the Minister said.

State Member for Morayfield Mark Ryan said key feature would be installing lights on the intersection of Gleeson and Morayfield roads.

"It's no secret Morayfield Rd can get busy during peak times," Mr Ryan said.

"Drivers are often forced to judge safe gaps in heavy traffic to turn into and out of Gleeson Rd, which is extremely risky.



#### Safe as possible

"Installing traffic lights will mean motorists can make controlled turns, making the road much safer, while a new crossing at the intersection will also improve pedestrian safety and accessibility."

Member for Kurwongbah Shane King said other upgrades included installing a wide centre line, on-road bike lanes, as wall as resurfacing between Paradise Rd and Graham Rd.

"Moraytheld Road is an important road for northalders, connecting them to Caboolture and the Bruce Highway, so it's crucial we make it as safe and easy to use as possible," he said.

The works will be delivered by as part of the broader Morayfield Rd and Beerburrum Rd Route Safety Project.

The \$36.6 million project is funded under the Queensland Government's Targeted Road Safety Program.

Work is set to begin this month and expected to take 12 months. For further information click here









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On a separate but aligned story, we had a great experience back in September 2017 when it was with pleasure that I announced the securing of \$6 million for a new state-of-the-art fire and rescue station at Bracken Ridge which was opened in August last year. That was to replace the Sandgate fire and rescue station, which was constructed in 1970 on the same site as the former station on Brighton Road. The reality is that this left that facility empty after serving our community so well for so long.

Back in 2017 the then—and now again—emergency services minister, Mark Ryan, agreed wholeheartedly with the proposition I put to him that the old Sandgate fire and rescue station should remain a community asset for the benefit of the whole community. I thank the member for Morayfield for putting in place the actions that recently saw All About Living named as the successful tenderer, among a strong field of community groups interested in taking over the old Sandgate fire station. This was a great result, with All About Living receiving this property freehold.

Congratulations to president Darryl McNamara and CEO David Worsnop who have wasted no time with their team in getting started on fitting out the building to support All About Living's important community nursing services work with the aged and those living with disabilities. All About Living also recently received almost \$91,000 under the most recent round of Skilling Queenslanders for Work for their Carers Consortium 4.5 project. Once trained, just about all of the trainees transfer to being staff members of All About Living and work in the community. It is a great example of the way in which the Palaszczuk government has acknowledged and supported our community organisations that do so much work particularly for the vulnerable in our communities.

#### **Toowoomba North State School**

Mr WATTS (Toowoomba North—LNP) (6.21 pm): I rise to talk a little bit about one of my schools and let the House know it is travelling. Toowoomba North State School is a great primary school in my electorate. In the time that I have been a member of this House I have seen the school grow. It has nearly doubled in size in that time. It now has just over 200 students. It is right in the heart of the city. It is a very old school. It is 152 years old this year. I was fortunate enough to be at the 150-year celebration a couple of years ago in 2019 when we opened a time capsule which was particularly interesting. Many of the old photographs and information about the school were presented. It has a very proud history.

I was very fortunate to be there the other day at the leadership badge ceremony when I had the opportunity to present some solid pathways in STEM that were achieved last year by three students. These students have worked really hard to get the recognition and the qualifications to get certificates in the STEM subjects.

There is something about the school that the House should know. It has a multicultural population. It has a lot of Yazidi students who are newly arrived Australians. The one thing it does not have is an indoor sports hall. In fact, it does not have any enclosed area where the children can play sport. When we gathered in the library—on that particular day everybody had brought their teddy bear to school as well—it was absolutely crowded. Parents could not all get in without standing at the back to be able to see the leadership badge presentation. The library area has to be cleared and all the furniture moved so that the school can gather together.

There is a hall that was covered a number of years ago. If they could get this hall enclosed, they would have an area that would allow the children to gather in the middle of winter. I can assure you if you come to Toowoomba in the middle of August when the wind is blowing you will be looking for a covered area to gather at lunchtime. It would be inexpensive to achieve, but it would make a world of difference to this very hardworking school with a population that does not have the same resources that many other schools in this state have.

I will be writing to the minister about it. I have spoken to her, so it is not a surprise. I am not trying to be overly political. I just think the school deserves to have its hall area enclosed so that they can have assemblies together and celebrate together and so that the school community, as it grows and revitalises in the heart of Toowoomba, has somewhere to keep them out of the wind and the rain in the middle of winter.

#### Morayfield Electorate, Infrastructure

Hon. MT RYAN (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (6:24 pm): There are certainly a lot of construction sites in the Morayfield state electorate at the moment as a result of the Palaszczuk Labor government's commitment to infrastructure, service improvement but also jobs. As we unite and recover together, we are seeing the results of that commitment in the Morayfield state electorate.

There are some major projects underway. The Caboolture Hospital redevelopment is massive. It is a \$400 million redevelopment, essentially doubling the hospital precinct. It will deliver hundreds of construction jobs but also hundreds of extra health jobs once the project is completed. We are very excited about that project.

The Morayfield bus station upgrade is also underway. This is a project I have been working on for a number of years. It is a great partnership between the Department of Transport and Main Roads and the owner of the local shopping centre where the bus station is located. It is about accommodating the growth that our community is experiencing. It is a good project. Hopefully it will be done by Christmas so all those shoppers can get to the shops by public transport, get their presents and get home.

The Morayfield State High School hall project is also well underway. This is a well-needed project for that school community. They are very excited about what that project will allow the school to do once it is completed. It will allow the school to host more events locally. It will allow them to have sporting activities undercover, as well as supporting performing arts. It is a very exciting opportunity.

In my remaining time I wanted to particularly focus on the road projects which will benefit the broader Caboolture region—and we do have significant investment in that space. We are coming towards the tail end of the Morayfield Road safety upgrade. This is upgrading a number of intersections throughout Merayfield Road. It is almost \$30 million worth. These projects are not only improving safety by improving traffic lights, widening roads, having dedicated turning roads and improving pedestrian facilities but also delivering on that outcome of efficiency. If you are able to improve safety, you have fewer traffic incidents, you are able to move traffic quicker and people will be able to get home faster, so it is a good project on that front.

A project which is also very dear to the heart of the member for Bancroft, the member for Kurwongbah and myself is the upgrade of the Deception Bay Road overpass bridge. This is important because it was a project that we fought hard for in a previous government. It was cut by the Newman government. This was a project that was funded. It was going to happen and the Newman government cut it. They pulled the money from the project. We had to fight to get that money back, and we have. The project is now underway. It is a massive overpass bridge upgrade. It just goes to show that Labor governments invest in infrastructure.

#### Julia Creek Hospital

Mr KATTER (Traeger—KAP) (6.27 pm): I rise to talk primarily about the Julia Creek Hospital, which in November was downgraded from a level 2 to a level 1 facility. It is a new hospital. The government invested \$7 million in rebuilding that hospital a couple of years ago, so it is a brand new building that was downgraded because they could not find the staff.

There are a lot of reasons for that. COVID was one. We have also become reliant on locums from overseas and interstate which is not a sustainable model. That is not a new problem. It has been a problem for a long time, yet it remains unaddressed and it hurts us in remote areas the most. These towns are struggling for survival. The repercussions are that once you lose doctors or nurses or services people leave town and then you have fewer teachers and fewer children at school. The problem then self-manifests. It is a very big deal to have services downgraded. It is absolutely devastating to the

The mayor, Phillp Curr, and deputy mayor, Janene Fegan, have been working very hard trying to get a meeting with the minister to resolve this. The CEO of the North West HHS, Karen Murphy, has been doing a terrific job trying to hold things together. As most people probably would not know, Mount Isa is an anomaly when it comes to hospital funding. It is activity based funding, where most western or remote hospitals such as hospitals in the cape are all block funded. Mount Isa has a much bigger advantage. The North West HHS struggles to keep all of this together. It needs extra support and it needs effort from government. We need to look at the training and the skill set that is commensurate with remoteness. We need to be flexible in the skill set and the level of training that we would accept in those areas such as recognition of overseas skill sets for nurses and doctors. It needs effort.

We are struggling to keep things alive. I do not want to hear about billions of dollars going to a pitch for the Olympic Games. Nurses and doctors need incentives. The dialysis unit in Mount Isa is a disgrace. It looks like downtown Mumbai. We have 10 chairs and Alice Springs has 70, but that is not a priority because we are going to embark on new pieces of social infrastructure and aspire to host the Olympic Games. How about we fix this stuff first? This is very Important. Without health infrastructure these places do not survive. That is a priority; these other things are not. Along with incentives for nurses and recognition of skills there is a lot of work that can be done in this space and it needs



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# **Morayfield Road Safety Moving Along**

12 June 2019

The next stage of the Palaszczuk Government's \$28.8 million Morayfield Road and Beerburrum Road safety project has begun.

State Member for Morayfield Mark Ryan said crews would upgrade Morayfield Road between Lindsay Road and Oakey Plan Road, which will deliver a safer road for local motorists.

"The Palaszczuk Government is committed to building safer roads in the region with more than \$3.13 billion for northern SEQ communities over the next four years," Mr Ryan said.

"This announcement follows the completion of the \$5.33 million upgrade for two of Caboolture's busiest intersections at Beerburrum Road earlier this year.

"The project includes an upgrade to the existing traffic signal at the Morayfield Road intersection with the Supercentre and Homestyle Homemaker Centre to provide controlled, right-turn movements into each complex.

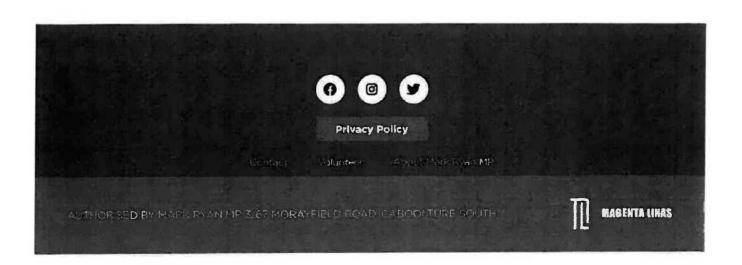
"This will drive safety by stopping vehicles taking right-turns between unsafe gaps in traffic.

"The right-turn lanes on Morayfield Road at the Supercentre and Homestyle Homemaker Centre intersection, and the right-turn lanes in and out of Walkers Road will also be extended to provide additional capacity for turning motorists."

Mr Ryan said the Oakey Flat Road intersection would also be upgraded with signals to improve safety and efficiency, and provide easier access to Morayfield Road.

"Pedestrians will benefit from a range of new and improved facilities including new signalised crossings, additional zebra crossings and improved footpath connectivity," he said.

Construction is expected to take up to five months to complete, weather and construction conditions permitting.



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### Supa Centre, super safer

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LOCALS shopping at the Moraviteld Supa Centre will enjoy safer access from Moravfield Rd.

State Member for Morayfield Mark Ryan welcomed the news that roadworks to extend the turning lanes from Morayfield Rd into the Morayfield Supa Centre would start soon.

"These extended turning lanes from Moravfield Rd into the Moravfield Supa Centre will improve traffic flows, ease congestion and provide safer access for motorists." Mr Rvan said.

Roads, Road Safety and Ports Minister Mark Bailey said improving access for traffic would help ease congestion on Morayfield Rd.

"About 19,000 vehicles travel this section of Morayfield Rd every day which makes it important to keep the network flowing," Mr Bailey said.

"Extending the right turn lanes at the two intersections will allow more vehicles to safely queue along Moravfield Rd before turning.

"It will also improve motorist safety by reducing the risk of rear-end crashes at the intersections on Morayfield Rd."

Mr Bailey said the works were part of the Woolworths' development approval conditions at the Supa Centre in Morayfield which was finished in 2014.

"Works are scheduled shortly and will take up to three weeks to complete, weather permitting," he said.

"To minimise impacts to motorists, works will generally be at night between Sunday and Wednesday, 6pm-6am and Thursday nights outside peak shopping."

Lane closures, traffic controllers, reduced speed limits and road signage will be in place to ensure the safety of motorists and road workers.

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#### **Dear Minister**

The Office of the Speaker received correspondence on 10 July 2025 from the Member for Morayfield. The said matter concerns whether you have deliberately misled the House. A copy of this correspondence is attached.

Deliberately misleading the House is listed as an example of behaviour that the House may treat as a contempt (see Standing Order 266 (2)).

Standing Order 269 (5) provides that in considering whether such a matter should be referred to the Ethics Committee, the Speaker may request further information from the person the subject of the allegation. Accordingly, I am writing to you pursuant to that Standing Order.

Standing Order 269 (4) provides that in considering whether the matter should be referred to the Ethics Committee, the Speaker shall take account of the degree of importance of the matter which has been raised and whether an adequate apology or explanation has been made in respect of the matter.

I wish to stress that I have not yet formed a view as to whether this particular allegation should be referred to the Ethics Committee. However, as a matter of course, I remind all members who are the subject of such allegations of the long-established convention that should a Member become aware they have inadvertently misled the House, they should, at the earliest opportunity, correct the record and apologise for their inadvertence.

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Should you wish to provide me with further information to assist me in making a determination as to whether the matter should be referred to the Ethics Committee under *Standing Order 269* please provide your response by COB 31 July 2025.

In the meantime, should your office have any queries relating to this matter, they may be directed to my Executive Officer, Coral-Leah Kemp, by email to Speaker@parliament.qld.gov.au or on 07 3553 6700.

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable Pat Weir MP Speaker of the Legislative Assembly speaker@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Speaker

I write in relation to your correspondence of 17 July 2025 following the matter raised by the Honourable Mark Ryan MP, Member for Morayfield on 10 July 2025.

The Member's submission that in providing my response to the Question on Notice 367 of 2025, I have deliberately misled the house pursuant to Standing Order 266 (2), in my view is not reflective of the specific intent of my statement. I provided this statement as part of my response to the below Question on Notice:

"With reference to the 'Burpengary-Caboolture Road (Morayfield Road), Aquatic Centre Drive to Graham Road, planning' (Investment ID 2263283) in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP)—

Will the Minister advise (a) the planning to date, (b) an estimated date for planning completion, (c) whether any community consultation will be conducted in respect of the planning, (d) whether the Minister will commit to publicly releasing any business cases and/or planning reports and (e) whether the government will commit funding to progress the project to design and construction immediately following completion of the planning stage?"

To clarify, Investment ID 2263283 represents a planning project on Morayfield Road, between Aquatic Centre Drive and Graham Road, which primarily and specifically focuses on duplication.

In that context, my response was evidently acknowledging that the duplication of Morayfield Road (widening from two lanes to four lanes in total) had not occurred in the stretch of road quoted in the Question despite community consultation on this stretch of road dating back to 2006. It is known that this portion of Morayfield Road is the last remaining two-lane section of the road, and an upgrade in this location will undoubtedly improve network capacity, safety, efficiency, and active transport facilities. This improved capacity would naturally also support potential future public transport upgrades.

I submit that my response to the Question referred specifically to the failure of the former Labor Government to deliver a duplication upgrade to Morayfield Road between Aquatic Centre Drive and Graham Road. I acknowledge that other works may have been undertaken along Morayfield Road between the Bruce Highway and Gaffield Street between 2006, when the community consultation was originally undertaken, and May 2025 when I provided my response to the Member's Question.

Nevertheless, I am advised that the planning work funded in the Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program, with funding beginning in 2023–24, was for the duplication of the remaining section that had not previously progressed.

As I mentioned in my correspondence of 10 July 2025, while funding decision making and planning works are important components in the process, Queenslanders expect to see timely, efficient upgrades to their road network, and this is what Queenslanders will get from our government. Ultimately, it will be the Crisafulli Government that finalises this stage of planning and subsequently considers this project in future phases.

In my full response to the Question, I note:

"The Crisafulli Government is committed to taking a considered, methodical and disciplined approach to the upgrade and maintenance of Queensland's state-controlled road network. As such, investment decisions and publication decisions as they relate to this project will be considered at the completion of the current planning stage."

That is the spirit in which my response was given, assuring Queenslanders that the Crisafulli Government will consider the results of the planning when it is complete, and then make a funding decision within a reasonable timeframe to ensure that planning undertaken remains fit for purpose as the project continues into subsequent phases.

In making the above point, I submit that I was being factual by discussing an alternative approach to that taken by the former Government in specific relation to the duplication of Morayfield Road between Aquatic Centre Drive and Graham Road.

For the reasons outlined above, I believe my statement is factual and directly answers the question I was asked by the Member for Morayfield, without misleading the House.

On this basis, I submit to you that this matter is trivial in nature and has been interpreted outside of the intended context by Mr Ryan, Member for Morayfield.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I could provide any further information.

Yours sincerely

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