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# Evening Media Summary 16 JUNE 2016

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## Ten Eyewitness News Queensland 5:00pm (Ten Network)

1<sup>st</sup> Story: Emergency crews have spent the afternoon fighting a fire at a Rocklea car wreckers. The threat of toxic smoke was the biggest concern.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Story:** The bomb squad has been called in to inspect two suspicious vehicles parked on Felix Street in the CBD. After being placed in lock-down for more than three hours, the area has now been cleared.

**3rd Story:** A father planned to abuse his baby before she was even born, a court heard today. The man has been remanded in custody and faces up to fifteen years in jail.

4th Story: A Gold Coast man accused of abducting his two year old grandson remains behind bar.

5<sup>th</sup> 5tory: Bob Katter is under fire over his new campaign video, which shows him 'shooting' two men in ALP and LNP shirts. Katter refuses to concede the timing is insensitive', and suggested he didn't know about the Orlando shooting.

6th Story: Shadow Health Minister John-Paul Langbroek has been asked to 'explain himself' after making 'rude hand gestures' in Parliament. Transport Minister Mark Bailey says, "I think it's really disrespectful of Parliament". Opposition MZPs claim the Government is trying to make the issue bigger than it seems. Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls says, "I will, of course, be reinforcing to MPs the importance of maintaining appropriate standards in the house". It took the focus away from Mr Nicholls' budget reply. To boost jobs, an elected LNP would provide \$5,000 incentives to businesses who hire an additional apprentice who finishes their training, \$500 for apprentices to buy tools, and \$4,000 grants to businesses who take on young, unemployed Queenslanders. Mr Nicholls says, "creating opportunities for up to 20,000 new jobs". Treasurer Curtis Pitt says, "the leader of the Opposition seems like a goldfish swimming around in a bowl, he's come around the other side again, he's forgotten that he sacked everyone".

### Others:

- Ergon and Energex will join forces to become Energy Queensland from next month. The Government insists there will be no forced redundancies, but small businesses are concerned it will affect their work. The merger, announced in Parliament last night, will save the Government up to \$560 million by cutting duplication in admin and management. The head office will be based in Townsville. Energy Minister Mark Bailey says, "no forced redundancies, that's our clear policy. We will work with the workforce when it comes to change".
- Deadly weapons including a pen gun have been seized in a bikie raid on Brisbane's north side by Taskforce Maxima.
- Thirty-five new CCTV cameras will be installed in the CBD and Fortitude Valley.

## Seven News Brisbane 6:00pm (Seven Network)

1st Story Several streets in Brisbane's CBD were shut down this afternoon after reports of suspicious vehicles parked outside Commonwealth offices. No charges have been laid by Police and the cars have now been moved.

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**2**<sup>nd</sup> **Story:** Fire crews attended a toxic blaze at a car yard in Rocklea today. It took more than an hour for the fire to be extinguished.

3<sup>rd</sup> Story: Australia's biggest private health insurer Medibank stands accused of leaving members hundreds or possibly thousands of dollars 'out of pocket'. The ACCC says Medibank cut benefits to boost profits, but kept the changes secret.

4<sup>th</sup> Story: Police are hunting a man who robbed an Upper Coomera convenience store at gunpoint early this morning.

Sth Story: Jean Madden, the former CEO of Street Swags, has called her dismissal by the charity's board 'unlawful', saying she did not misappropriate any funds.

6<sup>th</sup> Story: LNP frontbencher John-Paul Langbroek has been caught on camera making 'lewd gestures' in State Parliament. Yesterday an LNP backbencher was reprimanded by Speaker Peter Wellington due to 'silly' hand movements. Speaking of the lewd gestures by Mr Langbroek, Education Minister Kate Jones says "I believe it is a reflection on the Chair". State Opposition leader Tim Nicholls responded to the controversy, saying "I think there is an appropriate behaviour, of course, that all MPs need to follow".

#### Others:

- An interactive ANZAC exhibition will open at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre tomorrow.
- A 36 year old man, accused of being the worst online predator in Queensland, has been released back into the community. The man was sentenced to six months in prison for breaching a domestic violence order today, but was released due to time already served.
- Brisbane City Council has announced 35 new high definition security cameras will be installed in the Brisbane CBD, at a cost of almost \$3 million dollars to ratepayers. Last year Council cameras caught almost 5,000 incidents in Brisbane City.
- Five guns have been seized from the Kelvin Grove property of an alleged 41 year old Nomad motorcycle gang member.
- New RACQ data has revealed the Brisbane suburbs with the highest rates of break-ins.
   Macgregor, Robertson, Sunnybank and Sunnybank Hills have the most home robberies in south east Queensland according to RACQ insurance claims.

## Nine News Brisbane 6:00pm (Nine Network)

**1st Story:** There are allegations that Surfers Paradise Police unlawfully arrested a man then deleted his phone footage of the encounter. The former Federal Police officer they'd been targeting has complained to the Crime and Corruption Commission. It's the latest in a string of complaints against Gold Coast Police. Police have said they are 'making enquiries'.

2<sup>nd</sup> Story: A safety scare has shut down the CBD this afternoon. Two suspicious cars were searched by the bomb squad, and streets were closed to the public. The streets were reopened at 5pm and the cars were removed with no concern.

3<sup>rd</sup> Story: A pile of vehicles in a car yard at Rocklea has gone up in flames.

4<sup>th</sup> Story. Police have seized a cache of guns hidden in a bikie's inner-city home.

5<sup>th</sup> Story: Clashes have broken out again at the Euro 2016 tournament in France.

6<sup>th</sup> Story: Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls' budget reply has been 'overshadowed' by Member for Suriers Paradise John-Paul Langbroek making a 'lewd' gesture in Parliament. The Opposition has said it would give \$5,000 to bosses that hire apprentices and \$500 to the apprentices to buy tools.

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#### Others:

- A former Gold Coast Police officer has handed himself in, accused of stalking the cousin of a Deputy Police Commissioner.
- The State's new lockout laws are being blamed for the closure of Fortitude Valley nightclub
  Prestige before they're even in effect. The State Government is 'unapologetic'. Treasurer
  Curtis Pitt says, "I would find it funny that we have not been able to have these laws in
  operation yet, yet they're being blamed for closures".
- Brisbane City Council is about to install 3S more CCTV cameras for the CBD and Fortitude Valley.

## ABC News Queensland 7:00pm (ABC 1)

1st Story: Australia's live export industry has suspended trade with a Vietnamese abattoir chain after footage emerged of slaughtermen bashing cattle to death with sledgehammers.

2<sup>nd</sup> Story: Bob Katter is 'fending off' attacks over his 'smoking gun' election video. It's been labelled 'highly offensive' given the timing so close to the Orlando massacre.

3rd Story: John-Paul Langbroek's antics in State Parliament have 'overshadowed' the opposition's budget reply. Opposition Leader Tim Nicholls says, "I've heard about it, I haven't seen it. I simply say this, it is important that all MPs on both sides of the house adopt the appropriate standards as determined by the Speaker and the rules of the house". Mr Nicholls says the budget has "once again short-changed our major regional centres in this year's budget". Mr Nicholls says, "this is a State of Origin battle in which the Palaszczuk Government is backing New South Wales businesses against Queensland businesses- how crazy is that?" The Opposition would give \$50 million to boost apprenticeships with bonuses for taking on trainees, \$10 million to help young tradies buy tools and a \$40 million promise to help businesses hire with cash to cover costs. Treasurer Curtis Pitt says, "are they going to massively raise taxes, fee and charge? Are they going to cut jobs and services? Or are they going to take the lazy option and sell-assets? He is clearly got to come up with some way of funding this".

4th Story: A Brisbane man has pleaded guilty to one of the 'worst cases of child exploitation material' a Judge has ever seen.

5<sup>th</sup> Story: Labor has pledged \$100 million to try and save the Arrium steel works.

6<sup>th</sup> Story: Medical authorities in Orlando have released the bodies of most of the deceased killed in the nightclub massacre.



## **JOINT MEDIA STATEMENT**

Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply Mark Bailey

> Mayor of the City of Gold Coast Tom Tate

Mayor of the City of Logan Luke Smith

RACQ, Executive General Manager Advocacy
Paul Turner

Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland, Director Nick Behrens

14 July 2016

We are calling on the Turnbull Government to fund \$439 million upgrades to the M1 at the Gateway merge (M3) and Mudgeeraba and Varsity Lakes using the appropriate 80:20 funding split.

The Queensland Government has committed 20 per cent for each project.

The M1 is part of the National Land Transport Network, and therefore should be funded in line with the Federal Government's own funding formula.

These are vitally important upgrades as the M1 is the highest trafficked road in Queensland.

More than 147,000 vehicles travel on the M1 each day, including more than 12,000 heavy vehicles.

The Federal Government has funded other national highway projects in Queensland 80:20, including the Bruce Highway, the Gateway Upgrade North and the Warrego Highway.

Similarly, in New South Wales the Federal Government funded a \$5.6 billion upgrade to the M1, just across the border, using an 80:20 funding split.

Without these vital upgrades we will see the M1 pushed to capacity for longer periods, causing frustrations for motorists and businesses in lost productivity.

We want a fair deal for Logan, the Gold Coast and Queensland. We want to get these projects underway.

Led by the Minister, we will take part in a delegation to Canberra with other key stakeholders as soon as possible.

Speakers: Main Roads Minister Mark Bailey, Paul Turner (Executive General Manager Advocacy, RACQ), Luke Smith (Logan Mayor), Nick Behrens (Director Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland)

Airdate: 14/07/2016

Duration: 20:28 minutes

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

Look, it's great to join here with stakeholders with a strong interest in the MY and the upgrades to the M1. I just convened a meeting of the Mayors of Logan and Gold Coast, Luke Smith's with me, Tom Tate joined us by speakerphone, RACQ here with Paul Turner and Nick Behrens from CCIO. We are all united about getting the two upgrades that we need on the M1 funded and done. There are too many motorists in Logar and the Gold Coast stuck in traffic morning and afternoon who need a solution and why we've come together is to work on how do we get a full funding solution for these two projects done. The Palaszczuk Government has put \$86 million on the table - that's our 20 per cent of funding these projects, and what we've wanted to do is have the Federal Government come to the party and fund the M1 in exactly the same formula under their own rules as they fund the same road across the border in New South Wales. Now that the election is over we need to look at solutions to this problem, and that's why I convened a meeting today of our key stakeholders to look at possible ways forward. We've resolved to send a delegation to Canberra across the spectrum. This is not just a Palaszczuk Government issue; this is a Local Government issue, this is an industry issue, this is a motorist issue, and we want to work together. You see here State Government and Local Government working together. We want to work with the Federal Government for solutions here to get this traffic congestion problems on the M1 at different ends of the highway done and dusted, get the jobs flowing and get the traffic flowing. Paul, would you like to say a few words?

#### PAUL TURNER:

RACQ is happy to play a part in this role. I think it's important that we remove the partisanship from this issue. This is a Queensland issue, this is an issue for the south east. This is our major, busiest road in Queensland. It needs this funding and, quite frankly, the only way we're really going to get these works done is if that funding today is at 80:20, and that's why the RACO strongly supports this proposal. The Coalition Government has history in this space with flooded Bruce Highway upgrades, the Gateway North upgrade and the Toowoomba bypass all at 80:20, and we believe the M1 very much fits into the same criteria as those very important roads, so we're hopeful that by working together with the State Government and Local Government we can get the best outcome for Queensland motorists, and that is these two key road upgrades. They are our top road priorities in Queensland and that's why we believe this process needs to go forward. We hope the new Federal Government relooks at it and walks away from the 50:50, which probably means they don't happen, and towards an 80:20, which gets these projects built.

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

Luke, could you say something?

#### LUKE SMITH:

Yeah sure. The City of Logan was very frustrated with the Federal Government's announcement recently during the election campaign of only 50:50 per cent. We know that that means that it's not a real commitment, it actually means that this doesn't happen.147,000 cars a day travel through that Gateway merge and morning and night the residents of Logan get stuck and frustrated right there at the Gateway merge, and it's time to get it fixed. We're calling together on the Federal Government to come up with the 80 per dent. If it's okay for New South Wales, it's okay for Queensland. And so I congratulate the Paraszczuk Government on calling this unified team together and working together to advocate further for 80 per cent funding. And my message to the Prime Minister is that we've had enough of New South Wales turning their back on Queensland, it's happened once too often and it's time for us to get their attention again.

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

Thanks Luke. And Nick from CCIQ.

#### NICK BEHRENS:

Thank you. Congestion on the M1 Motorway is a big issue for the Queensland business community, whether it's the freight task or couriers trying to get to their job, tradies, but also the workforce. Businesspersons need to get to their meetings and at the moment it's very difficult for the business community to factor-in what sort of congestion they're going to be facing on the M1. The practical impact of that? Well, we've estimated the traffic congestion will cost the Queensland economy \$9 billion in 20 years' time. But for an individual business what that looks like is increases in operational costs, reduction in productivity, but also a loss of commercial opportunity. So that's where the business community's got skin in the game and we're very pleased to be working with the State Government, the RACQ and Councils in the South East Queensland corner. We're unimpressed that the Commonwealth is not willing to abide by established, enshrined precedent that these sorts of roads be funded 80 per cent by the Commonwealth. You only have to look to south of the border in New South Wales where the Commonwealth is providing 80 per cent for the road network. We're unimpressed that Queensland isn't experiencing likewise, and we're very happy to collaborate and to be travelling to Canberra to talk about the business case and the financial costs that this Commonwealth Government will be imposing on the Queensland business community.

## REPORTER:

Minister, what's the total figure that you're asking for from the Federal Government if they're to fund these projects 50:50? What's the dollar value?

### MINISTER BAILEY:

The dollar value...

#### REPORTER:

Ah sorry [inaudible] past the 50:50 [inaudible].

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

Sorry. Yeah, so the dollar value is \$344 million from the Federal Government. They've committed \$215 million. So there is a gap there of about 130. The Palaszczuk Government's got \$86 million on the table – our full 20 per cent, money ready to go, absolutely committed under our savings infrastructure.

#### REPORTER:

Pretty small bickies for the Federal Government isn't it [inaudible]?

### MINISTER BAILEY:

Look, I think this is not an unreasonable ask from a National Government for the largest city outside the capital cities in Australia. This is the largest non-capital city in Australia. It has got substantial transport needs. At the moment the Palaszczuk Government is doing the heavy lifting down there in terms of the stage two of the light rail and also increasing the capacity of heavy rail from Coomera to Helensvale. We're also doing \$160 million in a Commonwealth Games rides package as well. So we're committing very much down there, but we need the Federal Government to come in, support the Gold Coast community and to support the Logan community. I think that's not an unreasonable ask.

#### REPORTER:

[Inaudible]

#### NICK BEHRENS:

It's really important here. We need to be cautious on this issue because it's an established precedent on 80 per cent. So you're not only protecting it for this project, but you're protecting it for projects forward. The Commonwealth should be reaching into their pockets to the tune of 80 per cent for funding national road transport projects in Queensland. And if they want to break away from that then it's important that we stand up today to ensure that tomorrow they're not going to do likewise again.

### REPORTER:

Just to be clear, how much has Palaszczuk Government tipped-in already.

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

We have committed \$86 million - that's \$44 million for the Mudgeeraba to Varsity Lakes, and it's \$42 million on the merge.

## REPORTER:

And so what do you think is putting Queensland behind and not making Canberra sort of stand up and go 'oh we need to be equitable'? Is it the fact that there are less marginal seats along the M1, is it a politics thing or is it just a thing, you know, [inaudible]?

#### MÛNISTER BAILEY:

Look my views on this have been well known. I don't want to get into partisan carrying today, what we want is a solution. We want to get the jobs going, we want to get these projects going. I don't think it's unreasonable to ask the Federal Government to fund the M1 in the same way that they fund the same road just across the border in New South Wales. I don't think that's unreasonable and I think in fact it's overdue.

#### REPORTER:

So who do you lobby? Do you lobby Darren Chester, do you lobby Paul Fletcher? Who's really going to be going to Malcolm Turnbull and lobbying?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

Our group, including Mayor Tom Tate today, we agreed that we would write to the Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister and seek an audience and to put out, to be able to put out our points of view forward and to show that this is a broad view, this is not just the view of the Palaszczuk Government, this is the view of motorists, this is the view of industries, this is the view of local Governments in Logan and the Gold Coast. You know, if it was just me I wouldn't be getting the support from a wide range of people from right across the political spectrum. I think it's time for them to take this issue a little more seriously.

#### REPORTER:

Minister, is it the case that if the 80:20 split isn't reached, these upgrades don't happen?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

That's right, that's exactly right and look, from a Queensland point of view, we cannot back down from the funding formula because we'll see the Federal Government taking money out of road projects everywhere else in Queensland. We're not going to let Queenslanders down. Queensland deserves the same funding formula as other States. We're not going to do anything other than get a fair deal for Queensland.

#### REPORTER:

If you had limited success during an election campaign getting this funding boosted, surely you have to change your tact now going down there. Have you discussed that? What do you do differently to convince them?

## MINISTER BAILEY:

Well I'm optimistic about this, I think that outside of the heat of a federal election campaign there might be more room for movement and we see a broad coalition of stakeholders here who are committed to this issue. All of us are committed to continuing to lobby on this issue. This will continue on. There will be another federal election down the track as well and we will continue to raise this issue until it's resolved.

## REPORTER:

Doyou think...Mr Behrens mentioned 80:20 being a precedent? Has the time come to try to find a way to enshrine it so it's not just an agreement, that it's actually written down

somewhere, perhaps at a COAG level? Should it be enshrined in writing somewhere that funding for roads should be 80:20, perhaps so that it can't be open to dispute?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

Well it is in black and white in numerous press releases from the Federal Government about 80:20. It is clear in their own funding rules that this is the case. We are simply asking them to treat Queensland, Logan and the Gold Coast just the same way they treat everywhere else. They say, on numerous occasions, that it's in black and white, it's 80:20, we just want it to be...

#### REPORTER:

It might be written in a news release, but is it worth pursuing at a COAG level to actually formalise so there is no...any dispute ever again in the future?

### MINISTER BAILEY:

Well that's an interesting idea. I'm certainly open to any idea that means that a better...a fair funding deal happens for Queensland.

#### REPORTER:

Do RACQ or CCIQ... do you think the time has come to have it enshrined somehow?

#### PAUL TURNER:

Well the point around the 80:20 is interesting because in fact the national highway was funded 100 per cent by the feds a decade ago, so this is actually a relatively new shift. We've even had Federal Governments a few years ago say that 50:50 will be the formula going forward, so thankfully we've moved away from that. I think it's very, very important that 80:20 is enshrined going forward and RACO would happily join and urge the Federal Government to lock that in place so that these sort of arguments don't break out during federal election campaigns. None of us want to be arguing about the quality of these road upgrades. We all understand, in fact we're all in agreement - Federal, State, Local and bodies like RACQ - that these works need to be done. What we're haggling over here is how much and that's disappointing and quite frankly unproductive. We need to get up around a table, sign up that 80:20 is the way forward for national highway and lock that in so that we don't get caught up in this soft of election campaign wranglings ever again.

### REPORTER:

Minister, say the funding fairy' comes tonight and you can start work on these projects tomorrow, how long would they take to build? What's the estimated construction time of these [inaudible]?

## MINISTER BAILEY:

Well the Gold Coast project would take about two years, depending on a number of factors, two to two and half years. So we think we can get all the early works done before the Commonwealth Games. The heavy works would then start after the Commonwealth Games.

The Gateway merge, we think we could get it started...the actual heavy works started by the middle of next year.

#### REPORTER:

And how long would that take?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

We're looking at a timeframe of 2019 for both of the projects...

#### REPORTER:

Completed?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

...in the best case scenario.

#### REPORTER:

Best case scenario, money comes through in the next few days, you start work in 2019 middle or end?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

That's right, probably in the second half of 2019. Of course it depends on a whole range of factors – weather, design, etcetera so I wouldn't want to be more exact then that at this stage.

#### REPORTER:

I guess, all going well and that's the best case, it's just going to get busier and whatever isn't it?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

That's right and when you look at the analysis around how much time is lost, the longer we wait to do these projects, the greater the cost on the economy, on motorists, on everybody and that's another compelling reason why the Federal Government needs to take a fresh look at this. The election's over let's bring the temperature down and let's start talking about it in a proper way.

## REPORTER:

Speaking of election's being over, there's a lot of talk often about mandates and what Governments can do after they've been elected and given that they campaigned on, you know, the upgrade to the M1 and then saying they're going to give this much amount of money, are you worried that that might be their argument coming back at you, them saying 'well this is what we went to the election with and we have a mandate, we're now in Government so we're just going to stick with that'. How do you persuade them away from that?

### ICK BEHRENS:

A two and a half per cent swing against the Coalition at this federal election in Queensland is not a mandate in terms of the infrastructure commitments that they were making to this State.

#### REPORTER:

Minister, your response?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

Look, I think that in terms of no Government gets everything right and what I ask the Federal Government to do is don't just listen to me, listen to the people that are standing here with me today who represent their communities. Listen to Mayor Tom Tate, the Mayor of the Gold Coast. They're all of alike view. This isn't just a State Government point-of-view, it's a broad community view, the community wants action here. All governments make adjustments to decisions as they go along. I think the Federal Government would do themselves great credit to come out and say, 'you know what, we've got this one wrong and we're going to adjust our policy settings' and work with the Local Government, work with the State Government, motorists and industry to get this right, because in the end this means jobs as well. This is not just the jobs on the projects, this is the jobs that are unlocked with better supply chains, greater efficiencies, getting product to market a lot quicker. This is all about the economy as well as convenience.

#### REPORTER:

Luke, you live in Logan, you're the one that sits in the traffic. How angry do you get sitting there and not moving?

#### LUKE SMITH:

Oh look, the mums and dads of Logan who go to work every single day are frustrated, they're pulling their hair out saying they've had enough. I mean, it gets so bad you could boil up a cup of coffee on the side and have it as you go to work. It gets very frustrating, but it costs...

#### REPORTER:

You wouldn't do that though, would you? [Laughter]

### LUKE SMITH:

It costs our local economy. [Laughter]

#### PAUL TURNER:

I don't advocate that. [Laughter]

#### LUKE SMITH!

It does cost our local economy in Logan \$2 billion a year, and that's jobs. We're losing jobs in Springwood, we're losing jobs in Beenleigh. For the average person who's travelling from Been leigh to Brisbane, if they don't get on the M1 before 5:30 they're sitting there for a long time, and it's a waste of their productivity and their time.

### REPORTER:

Did you sit in it this morning? What were you thinking about coming up here?

#### LUKE SMITH:

I'm lucky enough that I actually don't sit on the M1 every day. I work in Logan, I work where I live so, but I certainly hear from families, whether it be Facebook, Twitter, emails or phone calls, just to say 'thank you for advocating for this because we have had enough. It's a waste of time'.

#### REPORTER:

Did any of you come down on the M1 today, to get here [inaudible]?

### **PAUL TURNER:**

Sure.

#### REPORTER:

What were you thinking about, you know, getting in the middle of all that traffic?

#### **PAUL TURNER:**

I think what we need to do is talk about congestion. It is a productivity issue, it is a logistics issue, it is an economic issue, but you know congestion is a lifestyle issue. And that's what our members are telling us. Every extra minute spent on a highway stuck in traffic is a minute they're not at home, they're not at work, or they're not with their friends, they're not at the beach or they're not at the footy. So congestion is about lifestyle as much as it is about productivity and motorists are sick and tired of being stuck in these sort of congestion choke points, and that's what we're talking about here. These two are only the priorities, by the way, for the M1. The M1 needs massive upgrade along its entire length between Brisbane and the Gold Coast. Eight lanes down on the Logan Motorway, six lanes all the way to the border. We're not asking for all of that today, what we're asking for is these two choke points to be fixed as soon as possible so that we don't have tens of thousands of Queenslanders spending more and more time in these congestion choke points. This is a modern city, we want to talk about innovation, we want to talk about a modern economy, we want to talk about lifestyle in the south east, we need to talk about congestion, and that's what today's about.

#### REPORTER:

Minister, how soon would you want to get a delegation to Canberra, and who makes up that delegation?

### MINISTER BAILEY:

We'll be trying to do that as soon as we possibly can. We'll be cooperating between our offices today and tomorrow to get that through as quickly as we can. It will depend, of course, on the Federal Government as well. But we also have resolved to invite the Queensland Trucking Association and the Logistics Council as well as the three gentlemen here representing their groups and Mayor Tom Tate. So we'll be a substantial delegation representing a whole range of sectors both in the community and in the economy.

#### REPORTER:

Paul, do you have any sign of [inaudible] cautionary warnings for people playing Pokemon Go?

#### PAUL TURNER:

Sure, how to peek at Pikachu when you're driving is the key point. I think Pokemon Go is just a symptom, we'd say to people to put their phone in the boot when they're driving. While that might not always be practical, it's actually the outcome we all need. We need to understand that whether it's Pokemon, Facebook or texting, they are all symptoms of a problem that we are dealing with. It is costing lives, it's causing massive congestion issues because of the crashes that are occurring. No one wants to be ridiculous about it, we're not saying don't play the game, but we are saying don't play the game while you're driving, just as you shouldn't text or check up your Facebook status, either.

#### REPORTER:

Minister, [inaudible] could I recheck the figures, just to make sure I've got it right. The Gateway Merge is a \$210 million project, you are committing 42, that means the Feds will be need to commit 168, but so far they've only committed 105?

#### MINISTER BAILEY:

Yes, that's correct.

#### REPORTERS:

Now what's the Gold Coast one total cost

### MINISTER BAILEY:

The Gold Coast one is 220, so they've committed 110, we've committed 44.

### REPORTERS:

44. Okay thanks.

### **PAUL TURNER:**

As you pointed out Cobby though, it's not a big amount of money. In regards [inaudible], it's nothing.

#### REPORTER:

Cheap.

## PAUL TURNER:

Yeah. When you consider, for example, and we welcome it, that they've committed over the next decade to put \$8 billion into The Bruce, which means this is relatively small.

### REPORTER:

It's nearly 20 years since the big upgrade to the M1, I think it was '98 that it was widened at the way down to Surfers from memory?

#### PAUL TURNER:

Yeah, the problem with it is, as the Minister has indicated, we're always in this situation. We're talking about the money of that road now when the congestion has already occurred. It would be really nice if we ever got to a situation where we were actually ahead of the curve, and we are getting this work done before we had four hour rush hours in the morning and the afternoon. And that're really what this is about, getting these key choke points fixed now, because it's not getting any better. Logan's not getting any smaller. The Gold Coast isn't getting any smaller. The commute's not getting any faster. [Inaudible] it is painting the Story Bridge, as soon as you finish this we'll need to do something else.

#### REPORTER:

Luke, what's the growth rate around Logan?

#### LUKE SMITH:

It's higher than the Queensland average. Over the next 20 years we're expecting another 200,000 residents.

### REPORTER:

How many do you have now?

LUKE SMITH:

300.

REPORTER:

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LUKE SMITH:

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