

# FEDERAL LABOR'S RECORD: QUEENSLAND

## SOUTH EAST CORNER

Federal Labor is investing more than \$6.3 billion in major road, rail and public transport projects in Brisbane and South East Queensland – more than what the former Howard Government spent across the entire State over a similar period of time.

This includes major upgrades of the roads connecting Brisbane to:

- Ipswich in the west;  
(Ipswich Motorway; **\$2.5 billion**; completed six months early and under-budget)
- Gold Coast to the south;  
(Pacific Motorway; **\$420 million**; completion: 2015)
- Sunshine Coast to the north.  
(Bruce Highway; **\$195 million**; in planning and expected to be completed in 2015)

Federal Labor has also committed:

- **\$742 million** to build the Moreton Bay Rail Link in partnership with the State government (\$300 million) and the Moreton Bay Regional Council (\$105 million).

Construction is underway and expected to be completed in 2016.

- **\$365 million** to the Gold Coast's \$1 billion Light Rail project, which we're delivering in partnership with the State government and the local council.

Construction is underway and expected to be completed this year.

## REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

Nothing better symbolises the Howard Government's neglect of the nation's infrastructure than the current state of many of Queensland's major regional roads, most notably the Bruce Highway.

Federal Labor has since reversed those cuts – and gone much further.

- **BRUCE HIGHWAY (Brisbane to Cairns):** \$3.3 billion.

Compared to the former Howard Government, that's twice as much in half the time. Right now there are hundreds of workers onsite upgrading 158 kilometres of highway.

- **WARREGO HIGHWAY (Ipswich to Charleville):** \$140 million/six years to maintain and upgrade key sections of this road.

That compares to the former Howard Government's \$177 million over twelve years.