



Senator Claire Moore Weekly Update 12 Apr 2013

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Claire helped promote job opportunities for more than 1300 young Indigenous job seekers and students on the Sunshine Coast on Wednesday. The expo is one of seven held across Queensland and Origin Greats including Gene Miles and Allan Langer attended.

ANZAC DAY – Lest we Forget - The Prime Minister has a message for our Defence Forces, their families and loved ones.

“My message is we're always thinking of you. The losses have been severe and the grief doesn't go away. And because we've seen so many losses, and we've seen multiple losses from one regiment or one area of our ADF, there are people who really feel that weight of that burden, of those multiple burdens. So we never forget and that's what Anzac Day is all about. We never forget. We'll always be there to extend support to people.”

Federal Funding to rebuild the Brisbane's Iconic Riverwalk - The rebuilding of Brisbane's iconic and much loved RiverWalk is a step closer following the awarding of the \$72 million reconstruction contract to John Holland Group. **The Gillard Government is providing up to \$54 million towards a new walkway replace the very popular structure that was damaged and partly washed away in the January 2011 floods.** The new structure will be an extended and safer piece of marine infrastructure, constructed with greater resilience. The Federal Government, having first committed \$54 million in funding over two years ago, welcomes this important step to rebuilding RiverWalk and considers its completion to be a matter of priority for both the Brisbane City Council and Queensland Government. **The Commonwealth is contributing 75 per cent of the costs, and the Queensland Government the remaining \$18 million or 25 per cent, under the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements.** The rebuilding of Queensland is moving ahead well with the reconstruction program now exceeding \$7 billion in projects underway or already complete. All up, the Gillard Government is contributing almost \$9 billion to the reconstruction of Queensland following the floods and cyclones since November 2010.

Former Origin Greats promote jobs on Sunshine Coast – On Wednesday Claire and Former Origin Greats including Gene Miles and Allan Langer will help promote job opportunities for more than 1300 young indigenous job seekers and students on the Sunshine Coast. The Minister for Indigenous Employment and Economic Development Julie Collins said the Indigenous Employment and Career Expos are proving to be an excellent opportunity for young Indigenous Australians to connect with employers and training providers and consider their career pathways. Claire represented the Minister at the Expo. She said employers have a critical role to play be employing local people in local jobs.

“This indigenous Employment and Careers Expo will deliver many opportunities for people in the Sunshine Coast community. School leavers and job seekers will be able to speak with

representatives from various organisations including Virgin Australia, Bechtel, University of Queensland, Queensland Police and Defence Force Recruiting. This expo is one of seven to be held across Queensland this year and they build on the outstanding results from 2012, where more than 16,000 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and job seekers attended GOGS events.”

More money to ensure our kids get access to quality early childhood education - The Gillard Government will commit over \$655 million in funding over the next 18 months to ensure all Australian children have the opportunity to participate in quality early childhood education before they commence full-time school. Claire said the new National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on early childhood education would benefit families in Queensland. Premiers and Chief Ministers agreed to sign up to the new plan at the Council of Australian Governments meeting last Friday in Canberra.

“The Gillard Government has worked hard to ensure that every child in the country has access to kindy or preschool in the year before they start formal schooling. We understand the importance of giving our kids the best start in life and getting the foundations right.”

Thanks to the Gillard Government there are now enough places, and we’ve delivered record funding for capital works and refurbishments to make sure this access continues and that every child has access to affordable, quality early childhood education in the year prior to full time schooling. The new NPA will contribute \$655.6 million in Commonwealth funding over the next 18 months, with a review by 30 June 2014.

A Ten Year Plan for a Better, Safer Bruce Highway - The Gillard Labor Government has reaffirmed its commitment to the Bruce Highway, today releasing a ten-year, \$4.1 billion capital works program which will further improve safety, cut travel times, ease congestion and improve the road’s flood immunity. The package of works will also lower transport costs and boost national productivity. **The Gillard Government is determined to continue the work it began five years ago on building a Bruce Highway which supports Queensland’s growth and development, with this latest announcement taking the total commitment to this vital economic lifeline to \$5.7 billion. Compared to the former Howard Government’s record of \$1.3 billion, the government has committed more than four times as much over a similar period of time, and right now hundreds of workers are onsite upgrading 90 kilometres of the Highway.**

This includes:

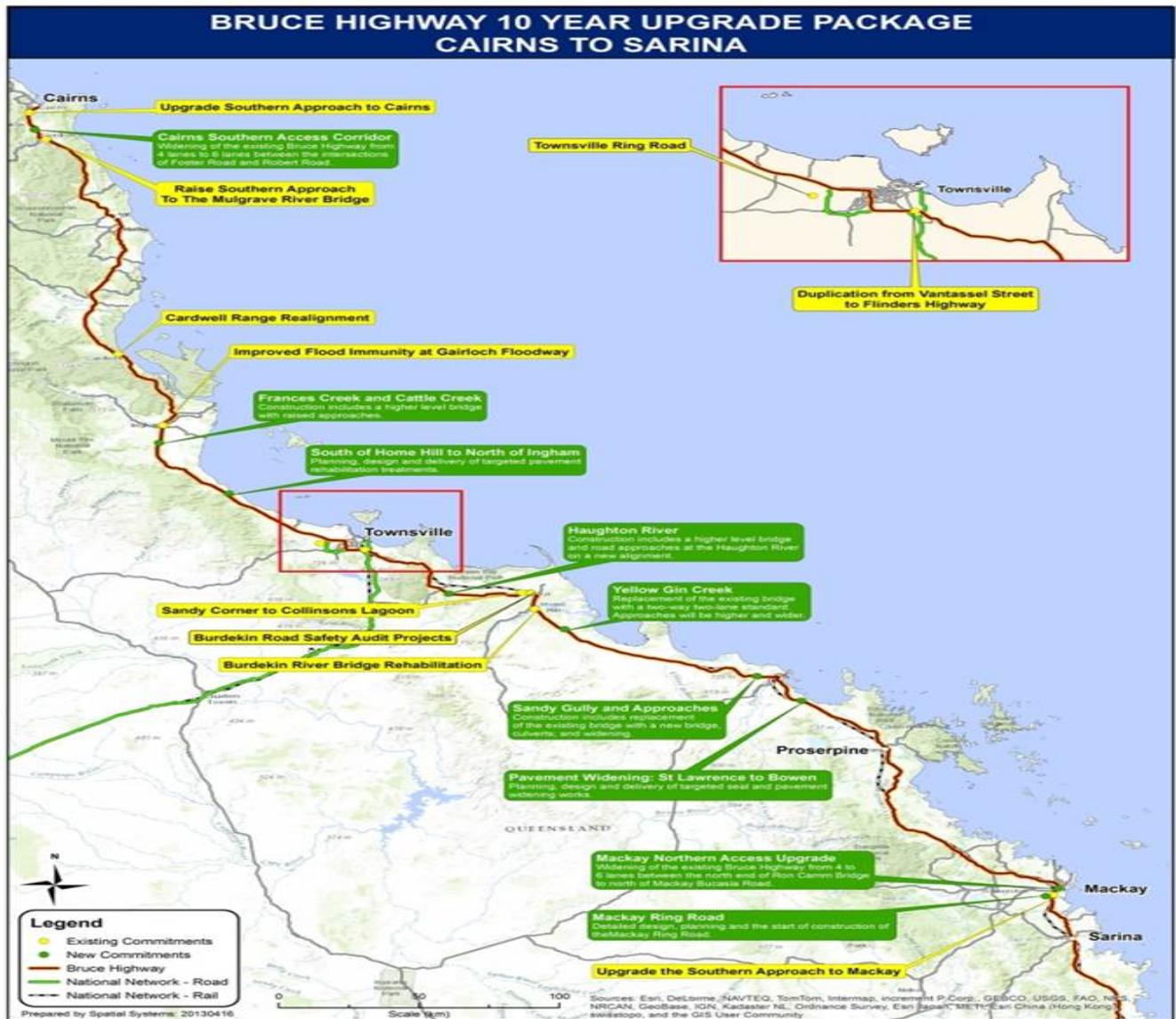
<p>Caloundra Rd to Sunshine Motorway – Stage 1</p>	<p>Construction of a new flyover ramp providing a direct non-stop connection for motorists travelling north on the Bruce Highway from the Sunshine Motorway. This will significantly improve safety and congestion by removing the current at grade intersection.</p>
<p>Gateway Motorway to Caboolture – Managed Motorways</p>	<p>Installation of an electronic freeway management system including variable speed limit signs; entry ramp signalling; CCTVs; digital message signs providing live updates on traffic conditions and delays; and signs advising drivers of lane and speed restrictions.</p>
<p>Bruce Highway Black Spots</p>	<p>This package will continue the roll out of our first ever dedicated Bruce Highway Black Spot Program which is already fixing over 100 dangerous black spots between Caboolture and Cairns.</p>

Bruce Highway Overtaking Lanes

This package will continue the roll out of our first ever dedicated Bruce Highway Safety Program which is already fixing over 100 dangerous black spots between Caboolture and Cairns.

Caboolture to Caloundra upgrade

A new interchange to replace the existing intersections at Roys Road and Bells Creek Road, and the upgrades of Boundary Road and Pumicestone Road interchanges.



Tell Queensland Attorney-General Jarrod Bleijie 17 year olds do not belong in prison – You may have heard Queensland Attorney-General Jarrod Bleijie spoke on ABC Coast Radio last week, making the erroneous claim that rape does not happen in Queensland prisons. What you may not have heard was that these comments were made in response to an interview with a 17 year old who had been raped in adult prison.

Queensland is the only state in Australia to treat 17 year olds as adults in the justice system, but deny them adult rights in all other areas of life. This is against the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and has been repeatedly condemned by the UN, the National and State Children's Commissioners, lawyers and

youth organisations.

We can change this. In fact, the principle has already been enshrined in the Juvenile Justice Act, passed in the Queensland Parliament 21 years ago. All that needs to be done is for it to be implemented.

Let's stop this once and for all. Sign the petition to Campbell Newman and Jarrod Bleijie [here](#).

Please share and promote if you care about the welfare of young people in Queensland.

What's on?

Ryan Trivia Night Fundraiser - Come to the **Ryan Trivia Night** with Damien Hamwood at **7.30pm on Friday 24th May 2013** at **Taringa Soccer Club, Fairly St, Indooroopilly**. \$15 unwaged, \$20 waged. Includes cakes, sandwiches, nibbles, tea and coffee. Drinks will be on sale at the bar.

Please book a seat or table at Fundraise@Labor4Ryan.com or 0417 608 920

2013 Carer- friendly Business Awards – Nominations for the 2013 Carer-Friendly Business Awards are now open. These awards recognise businesses and individuals who have gone the extra mile for carers. To nominate for the awards visit <http://carersqld.asn.au/2013-carer-friendly-business-awards-open-for-business>

Claire's current committee work:

- **Aged Care (Living Longer Living Better) Bill 2013; Australian Aged Care Quality Agency Bill 2013; Australian Aged Care Quality Agency (Transitional Provisions) Bill 2013; Aged Care (Bond Security) Amendment Bill 2013; Aged Care (Bond Security) Levy Amendment Bill 2013**
- **Aboriginal Land Rights and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013**
- **Therapeutic Goods Amendment (2013 Measures No. 1) Bill 2013**
- **The involuntary or coerced sterilisation of people with disabilities in Australia**
- **Impacts on health of air quality in Australia**
- **Supply of chemotherapy drugs such as Docetaxel**
- **Care and management of younger and older Australians living with dementia and behavioural and psychiatric symptoms of dementia (BPSD)**

You can be involved in the work of a committee by lodging a submission to current inquiries. Claire has been involved in many Senate committees, and encourages everyone to [find out more info](#) on the role of committees, and to have a look at the [list of current committee inquiries](#).

Want to know how to get the Federal Government to consider your petition? Find out about petitioning the Senate [here](#), or petitioning the House of Representatives, [here](#).