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A Shorten Labor Government will boost jobs and local infrastructure in Central Queensland by investing \$100 million in the next stage of the Gladstone Port Access Road.

The Gladstone Port Access Road forms part of Labor's Plan for Real Jobs in Queensland.

The project which will create more than 200 Queensland jobs in the construction stage alone.

This project will commence in the first term of a Shorten Labor Government.

Why are we doing this?

The Port of Gladstone is the most important piece of economic infrastructure in central Queensland, and upgrading road access is critical to ensuring the port can continue to expand capacity.

Upgrading the Port of Gladstone's land and sea access is listed on the current Infrastructure Australia priority list.

Export growth in central Queensland will rely on efficient access to export facilities, including the Port of Gladstone. Upgrading road access is critical for the region's transition from the mining-construction boom.

About the Port of Gladstone

The Port is Queensland's largest multi-commodity port, with a total throughput of 100 million tonnes per annum, handling over 30 different products including:

- Alumina
- Aluminium
- Bauxite
- Coal
- Cement
- Liquefied Natural Gas

In 2015-16 the Port had a total throughput of 115.9 million tonnes, with over 1,800 vessels visiting the port, with coal exports accounted for the majority of throughput, followed by alumina and a variety of other products including cement, petroleum, grain and sugar making up the balance.

The majority of coal handled at the Port is coking coal, which is exported to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, India, Italy and France for high quality steel manufacturing.

The Port's 50 year plan envisages the port's capacity will ultimately grow to 250–300 million tonnes per year – enabling this growth requires infrastructure upgrades..

Central Queensland will benefit from the expected major growth in Asian demand for Australia's agricultural products and resources if we can access quality export facilities – building the next stage of the Port Access Road will help ensure Gladstone and the surrounding region can take full advantage.

Labor's record

This project forms part of Labor's Plan for Real Jobs in Queensland, which will see investment in infrastructure, manufacturing, mining, agriculture and energy, unlocking the massive economic potential of Central and North Queensland.

The LNP's record

The Gladstone Port land and sea access upgrade has been listed on Infrastructure Australia's Priority List for a number of years.

Despite this, the local Liberal National Party member, Ken O'Dowd, has done nothing to stand up for the project.