

## MY PLAN FOR A FOUR-LANE TIARO BYPASS



Anyone who travels on the Bruce Highway north of Gympie like I do almost every day knows how congested this section of the highway is and how much we need four lanes.

The two-lane Tiaro bypass, as proposed by the State Government, isn't fit for the purpose of delivering a world-class safe highway to keep motorists and their families safe.

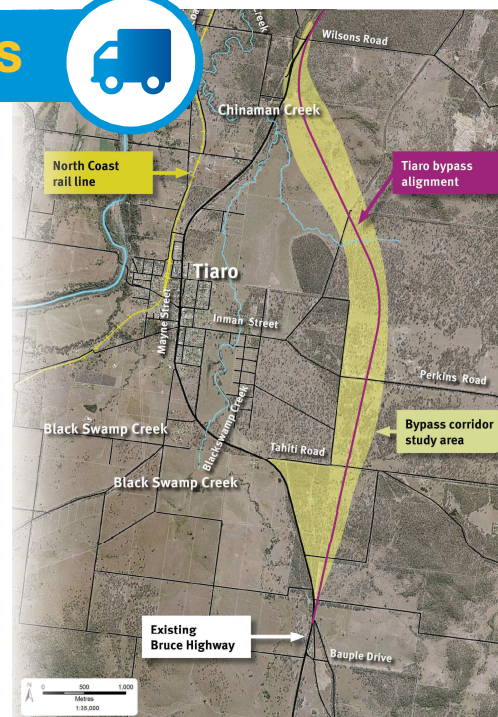
A four-lane Tiaro bypass would enable the fast and efficient movement of freight and open up new business and manufacturing

opportunities in Maryborough.

The Federal Government has made it clear that if the Queensland Government recommends a four lane Tiaro bypass, the Federal Government will consider it.

If this section of highway was in New South Wales or Victoria, it would already have been constructed to a four-lane standard.

Local motorists, businesses, and visitors to our region deserve a safe four-lane Tiaro bypass.



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**LLEW O'BRIEN MP**

## PLAN FOR WIDE BAY

• More Jobs • Better Roads • Improved Services

Federal Member for Wide Bay  
Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives



*Sign the Petition*

Use your phone to scan the code to sign the petition for a safer, four-lane Tiaro bypass

or visit [www.llewobrien.com.au/tiaro-bypass](http://www.llewobrien.com.au/tiaro-bypass) for more information



## BUILDING THE ROAD TO SUCCESS



**Above:** Llew O'Brien, Gympie Mayor Glen Hartwig and contractors at Rammutt Road. **Below:** Noosa Mayor Clare Stewart, Llew O'Brien and Mark Goodwin at Orealla Bridge.



Safe reliable roads are essential to growing the Wide Bay economy. Construction of the \$1 billion Gympie bypass is progressing with new haulage crossings being built now to reduce the impact on local traffic.

The four-lane Section D Cooroy to Curra Upgrade, built to the highest possible safety standards, will open up Wide Bay's industry and manufacturing capability to Brisbane and new markets.

The Federal Government is continuing to support local road safety projects, through programs like the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program which is helping fund works including the Rammutt Road upgrade at Gympie, and the Roads to Recovery Program which will deliver \$48.6 million to Wide Bay councils between 2019 and 2023-2024.

At Noosa, the newly-opened Orealla Bridge, part-funded through the Bridges Renewal Program, will provide a safer route for freight, local traffic and tourists, while the new \$15 million Coondoo Creek Bridge will help bolster the Cooloola Coast tourism market.

## A MESSAGE FROM Llew

Every time I leave Wide Bay, and go to Canberra, I fight for your issues in our Parliament because it's important that your voice is heard.

So far this year I have stood up for travel agents and highlighted the need for more to be done to help our hard hit tourism industry.

I have met with Health Minister Greg Hunt to bring about better medical outcomes for Indigenous mothers and babies.

I have addressed the serious issue of high unemployment rates directly with Prime Minister Scott Morrison.

I have expressed the need for affordable, reliable power to lower household bills and boost manufacturing jobs.

Your fight is my fight.

LLEW O'BRIEN

## THE PLAN TO GROW WIDE BAY'S ECONOMY STARTS WITH ROADS



Safe, reliable and future-proof roads are the key to creating jobs and unlocking the full economic potential of Wide Bay's manufacturing, tourism and agricultural industries.

We're on the right track, with work underway on Section D of the four-lane Cooroy to Curra Bruce Highway upgrade that will bypass Gympie, a \$1 billion project that I worked hard to achieve, with strong community support.

But more needs to be done. We now need a plan for four lanes from Curra all the way to Maryborough

and beyond if Wide Bay is to thrive – and this must start now with four lanes for the Tiaro bypass.

By the time the ribbon is cut on a two-lane Tiaro bypass, as presently proposed by the Queensland Government, the project will already be past its use-by date.

We need a world-class four-lane highway to keep motorists safe and grow business and manufacturing in Wide Bay.

Visit the link below to sign my petition to save lives, open our economy and build a four-lane Tiaro bypass.

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## SIGN THE PETITION FOR A FOUR-LANE TIARO BYPASS

Use your phone to scan the QR code to sign for a **safer, future-proof four-lane Tiaro bypass**  
Or visit [www.llewobrien.com.au/tiaro-bypass](http://www.llewobrien.com.au/tiaro-bypass) for more information on this critical project.





# MY VISION FOR WIDE BAY 2021



## BACKING INNOVATION IN NOOSA

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused a seismic shift in the way businesses think about regional areas, highlighting the importance of local manufacturing and innovation.

The Peregrine Digital Hub is giving our region a head-start in attracting entrepreneurs, creating new jobs and export opportunities.

We've seen the devastation and loss that bushfires cause across the nation and here in Wide Bay.

The Digital Hub is emerging as a centre of excellence in bushfire research, with collaborations across Noosa between McDermott Aviation, Helitak, Fireball International and FireTech, demonstrating how technology, innovation and local ingenuity can combat fires to protect lives, homes and wildlife.

By working together with the Digital Hub and the Morrison Government, we've secured significant funding for projects to deliver lasting benefits for Noosa, Wide Bay and our nation:

- **Peregrine Digital Hub** – \$1.8 million Local Economic Recovery grant and \$2.5 million Building Better Regions Fund grant.
- **Fireball International** - \$500,000 - Accelerating Commercialisation grant.
- **FireTech Connect and 2020** - \$100,000 Entrepreneur's Program grant and \$100,000 Regional Bushfire Recovery grant.
- **Helitak Firefighting Equipment** - \$497,500 Accelerating Commercialisation grant.

These programs are designed to boost economic activity and create new jobs in new and emerging industries.



For more information visit [industry.gov.au/](http://industry.gov.au/)



Llew O'Brien and McDermott Aviation's John McDermott.

## RE-IMAGINING MURGON'S FUTURE

Work is now underway on the \$1.5 million Murgon Cultural Centre and Fossil Museum, funded through the Government's Building Better Regions Fund.

The centre will showcase local art and crafts and include a prehistoric garden to highlight Murgon's unique fossil history, and it's on track to create 40 jobs in construction. When completed, it will be a significant driver for South Burnett tourism.

The cultural centre will complement the new Murgon RSL's Drop-In Centre for veterans, which delivers on my \$450,000 election commitment and creates about 40 jobs.

These investments will deliver new and improved services, and support the local economy.



South Burnett Mayor Brett Otto, Cr Kathy Duff, Richard O'Neill, Llew O'Brien and Leo Geraghty at the sod-turning for the new Murgon Cultural Centre.

## FORGING NEW CAREERS IN MARYBOROUGH



Maryborough is at the front of the line for new jobs and economic growth, as Australia moves to strengthen its defence capabilities and manufacturing industries.

The \$90 million Rheinmetall Nioa munitions plant is near completion, and is already delivering upwards of 100 permanent, ongoing jobs for local people.

As Prime Minister Scott Morrison said when he toured the facility with me in January, Maryborough is a great place for this factory and the new jobs that it creates.

There is nowhere in Australia that is better suited - it has the land, its people have the technical skills and it has endless opportunity for growth.

That's why the Liberals and Nationals Government has invested \$28.5 million to make it a reality.



Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Jackson Nioa, Robert Nioa and Llew O'Brien at the Rheinmetall Nioa Munitions Plant in Maryborough.



## INVESTMENTS IN MANUFACTURING



Global Manufacturing Group's Phil Dowling, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Llew O'Brien.

The Morrison Government is making major investments in timber, manufacturing and agriculture to help turbocharge Wide Bay's economy.

We have invested \$1.75 million for a new product line at Dale and Meyers Timber, and \$785,150 under the Sovereign Industrial Capability Priority grants program for Global Manufacturing Group – all supporting hundreds of manufacturing jobs in Maryborough.

We're also supporting important projects like Gympie's Nolan Meats expansion, co-funded with \$4.98 million from the Liberal and Nationals Government. This investment has already created more than 180 new jobs and there's more to come.

We need more manufacturing businesses in Wide Bay and I'm keen to see local businesses participate in our Modern Manufacturing Strategy, which includes \$1.5 billion for initiatives that will deliver new jobs, immediate and long-term economic benefits.



For more information please visit [industry.gov.au/manufacturing](http://industry.gov.au/manufacturing)