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Mr NOONAN (Minister for Police) — Last Friday I joined community representatives, the Environment Protection Authority, local businesses and Brimbank City Council to cut the ribbon on the newly surfaced Bunting and Jones roads in the Brooklyn industrial precinct. This \$2.6 million joint project was delivered through a partnership between the state government and the Brimbank City Council.

In 2011 the Environment Protection Authority identified that sealing these roads would significantly assist in reducing dust pollution. These projects were also recognised as vitally important in the Brooklyn Evolution strategy. That is why I am incredibly grateful to the Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water for allocating an additional \$950 000 to make these sealing projects possible. But the real credit here goes to the community, which has fought long and hard for it, including locals such as Bert Boere, Laurie Bell, Bruce Light and Geoff Mitchelmore.

I also acknowledge the extensive efforts of others who have been central to action on pollution in Brooklyn: Brimbank City Council's administrators John Watson, John Tanner and especially Jane Nathan; Brimbank City Council CEO Paul Younis and former CEO Bill Jaboor; Brimbank's planning team, Susan Fitton, Stuart Menzies and Adrian Ashford; and Brooklyn Community Representative Group chair Jen Lilburn and secretary Andrea Mason. Many others have also assisted. I am extremely proud of the environmentally responsible action the Andrews Labor government has taken on pollution in the Brooklyn industrial precinct. We promised the community that we would work to reduce odour and dust in the local area, and sealing these dustbowl local roads is a major step forward.

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