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I am pleased to present you with my
2017/18 Annual Report for Fairfax.

The year has resulted in some wonderful outcomes
for the people of Fairfax and the Sunshine Coast, and
I am proud of what we have achieved.

Without your support, we would not be delivering the
unprecedented level of investment that we have
secured from the Federal Government.

I look forward to working with you in 2018/19.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ted O'Brien', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Ted O'Brien MP

Cover page: Ted with the Hon Scott Morrison, Federal Treasurer



Ted with the Hon Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister, inspecting upgrade construction on the Bruce Highway

Fairfax Report: Ted O'Brien MP

As the Federal Member for Fairfax, my focus continues to be driving big game-changing projects for our region and delivering major deals for roads, rail and the airport.

Few regions in Australia can boast the funding we have received from the Federal Government, including in the 2018/19 Federal Budget.

This year's Budget committed over \$2 billion to the Sunshine Coast for the Bruce Highway and North Coast rail line. The Bruce Highway will be widened to six lanes between Pine River and Caloundra with an extra \$880 million, and the deadly Cooroy to Curra stretch will be transformed with a further \$800 million.

The North Coast rail line, which has been neglected for too long, has received \$390 million in Federal

funding for duplication from Beerburrum to Landsborough and upgrades through to Nambour. Once the State Government comes to the table, this project is ready to go.

We are also putting together a business case for the biggest game-changing project of all – fast rail. Fast rail is the most transformative project the Sunshine Coast would ever see. It has the support of business, community and political leaders across all levels of government and I plan to continue driving the campaign.

Beyond securing big deals for the Sunshine Coast, I have also been working on deals that benefit the state of Queensland.

I am proud of leading the charge for Team Queensland (comprising 26 Coalition MPs and Senators) to help

secure the \$15 billion Land 400 deal for Queensland, meaning new defence combat reconnaissance vehicles will be built in our state – a multi-billion injection into the economy.

My job isn't just about securing deals, however. It's also about helping people, backing businesses and making a positive contribution to our Sunshine Coast community.

As we move into the 2018/19 financial year, I look forward to working with you and continuing to deliver for the people of the Sunshine Coast.

Ted O'Brien MP

Advocacy

In Parliament

Ted has publicly advocated in favour of freedoms and against political correctness. He is staunchly committed to core Australian values.

Ted is a strong voice for people and organisations who lack influence or who are disadvantaged due to lack of power or privilege. This includes small business-owners. For example, Ted publicly supported the banning of synthetic lotteries in Australia after speaking with local, family-owned businesses affected by these internationally-based organisations.

Ted is also a defender of democracy and respecting the will of the people. To resolve the debate on Same Sex Marriage, Ted publicly advocated for a plebiscite. With 84% of Fairfax voters participating in the plebiscite which resulted in a 64.3% yes vote, Ted honoured the will of his electorate and supported the Bill in Parliament.



In the Community

Ted's office received over 7,800 pieces of correspondence in 2017/18, and provided assistance and advocacy to more than 700 constituents.

Ted attended hundreds of local community events, including facilitating forums with school students and seniors, community groups and the business sector.

Over 90 community groups, businesses, individuals and key projects in Ted's electorate received more than \$5.2million in Federal funding during 2017/18.



In the Media

Ted undertook hundreds of media interviews including with national broadcasters such as the ABC and SkyNews, and state-wide and local media across radio, TV, newspaper and online channels.



Leadership

Team Sunshine Coast

Ted believes that collaborative action delivers greater results. He works closely with fellow Federal MPs for the Sunshine Coast, Andrew Wallace (Member for Fisher) and Llew O'Brien (Member for Wide Bay) to deliver unprecedented investment in infrastructure, business and tourism for the region – over \$2.08 billion in 2017/18.

Ted led a campaign that secured funding for the Fast Rail Business Case between Brisbane and the Sunshine Coast. He also worked with his Team Queensland colleagues to deliver record funding for upgrades to the North Coast Rail Line and further funding for upgrades to the Bruce Highway.



Team Queensland

Ted led Team Queensland, comprising the State's Coalition Federal Members and Senators, in a bid to secure the biggest contract in the Australian Army's history – the Land 400 project that will see Rheinmetall build 211 combat reconnaissance vehicles in Queensland. Team Queensland won the deal which is worth \$5 billion for procurement with an additional \$10 billion in maintenance spending. This puts Queensland at the centre for the Australian Army and makes us the 'Khaki State'.

Team Australia

Ted is Chair of the Trade Sub-Committee of the Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade.

In this capacity, Ted is leading a Federal Government inquiry into how small and medium businesses (SMEs) access Australia's Free Trade Agreements, and how they can better capitalise on these agreements in the future.



Major Infrastructure Projects

	Sunshine Coast Airport Upgrade	Federal Government Environment Approval Designation as an International Airport Loan secured from the Federal Government Construction commenced Expected completion date	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ 2020
	Bruce Hwy Upgrade Projects		
	Caloundra Road to Sunshine Motorway	Funding secured Planning study Construction commenced Expected completion date	✓ ✓ ✓ 2020
	Maroochyore Road Interchange and Mons Road Interchange	Business case funded Public consultation undertaken Construction commenced Expected completion date	✓ ✓ ✓ 2021
	Cooroy to Curra	Planning study Funding secured (\$800m*)	✓ ✓
	Pine River to Caloundra (including Dohles Rocks Road) Interchange	Funding secured (\$880m*) Planning underway State funding partially secured	✓ ✓ Outstanding
	Safety works and 'Managed Motorways' installation	Funding secured Planning commenced Construction commenced Expected completion date	✓ ✓ ✓ 2022
	Sunshine Coast Rail Projects		
	Upgrade of the North Coast Rail Line - Beerburum to Nambour	Infrastructure Australia Approval Federal funding secured (\$390m*) State funding partially secured (\$160.8m)	✓ ✓ Outstanding
	Fast Rail - Brisbane to Maroochyore and Nambour - Business Case	Business case funding secured Expected completion date of business case	✓ 2019

Investment In Infrastructure

Throughout 2017/18, Ted continued to prioritise the upgrade of infrastructure across the Sunshine Coast, attracting significant Federal Government funding.

INVESTMENT \$1.68 billion*	Bruce Highway	Additional funding for widening, interchange upgrades, safety improvements and duplication of Bruce Highway sections, Pine River to Caloundra and Cooroy to Curra.
INVESTMENT \$396.5 million*	Rail	New money for the duplication and upgrade of the North Coast rail line from Beerburum to Nambour; and funding for a business case on fast rail.
INVESTMENT \$979,000	Road Safety	Additional funding for road safety with upgrades to local roads on Dalton Drive towards Maroochy Boulevard and Mudjimba Esplanade.
INVESTMENT \$500,000	Buderim Men's Shed	Funding to help construct an administration building and workshop for woodturning, toy making, art/sketching, lead lighting, fitness, computer classes and recreation room.
INVESTMENT \$440,000	Coolum Beach Christian College	Funding from the Capital Grant Program to help construct a Science centre including labs, chemical store, art/flexible learning area and amenities.
INVESTMENT \$350,650	Community Development	Grants for 23 local community groups for capital projects including Maroochy Beach Gymnastics Club, Men's Sheds, Kenilworth Showground and more.

*Federal Government funding only



Federal Government Investment

Major Projects and Initiatives - New Funding, 2017/18



Bruce Highway

\$1.68 billion*

Road widening, Pine River to Caloundra and upgrades between Cooroy-Curra (Section D).



Rail

\$396.5 million*

Fast Rail business case, Sunshine Coast - Brisbane; and upgrades and duplication of the line between Beerburum and Nambour.



Fibre Optic Telecommunications Cable

\$250,000

For a Feasibility Study.



Environment

\$110,000

To restore endangered Lowland Subtropical Rainforest on the Mary River.



Business

\$2.5 million

To support local entrepreneurial businesses.



Road Safety

\$979,000

Two road projects: Dalton Drive, Maroochydore - from Sugar Road towards Maroochy Boulevard and Mudjimba Esplanade; and Mudjimba Beach Road towards North Shore.



Sport

\$15,000

To support Local Sporting Champions aged 12-18 years.



Buderim Men's Shed

\$500,000

To build a new shed and administration building.



Community Groups

\$890,639

To 60 community groups and schools for capital development projects and fundraising activities.

*Federal Government Funding Only



(A) Ted took his mobile office into the electorate throughout the year to chat to constituents. (B) Ted with members of the Food and Agribusiness Network (FAN) who received a \$900,000 Federal grant. (C) Ted with members of the Sunshine Coast Dog Obedience Club who received a Stronger Communities Grant to build an undercover concrete floor. (D) The Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister for Women at the Fairfax Women in Business Forum



Business and Community

Ted attended more than 250 community events, meetings, site visits and road trips across the electorate during 2017/18.

These opportunities are vital to discuss local issues and determine the impact of federal policy. Ted took his mobile office to more than 14 locations, where residents could meet one-on-one and directly discuss their issues.

Over 90 community groups, businesses, individuals and key projects shared in more than \$5.2 million of Federal funding in 2017/18. These grants supported a range of projects, from individual sportspeople and school fundraising activities and

fixing road blackspots to investing in businesses to develop products for international markets.

Ted hosted a number of Federal Ministers in the electorate during 2017/18, providing an opportunity for residents and businesses to raise issues directly with Ministers:

- The Hon Malcolm Turnbull, Prime Minister
- The Hon Michael McCormack, Deputy Prime Minister
- The Hon Greg Hunt, Minister for Health
- The Hon Michaelia Cash, Minister for Jobs and Innovation
- The Hon Craig Laundy, Minister for Small and Family Business

- The Hon Paul Fletcher, Minister for Urban Infrastructure + Cities
- The Hon Dr John McVeigh, Minister for Regional Dev., Territories and Local Government
- The Hon Angus Taylor, Assistant Minister for Cities and Digital Transformation
- The Hon Zed Seselja, Assistent Minister for Science, Jobs and Innovation.

Ted also hosted many discussion and information forums for individuals and businesses to discuss issues affecting seniors, women in the workplace, jobs, small business, the Federal budget and also a Menzies Research Centre forum on *The Shepherd Review*.



(A) Ted hosted a 2018 Budget Business Briefing on 15 May 2018 (B) Ted with members of the Noosa and District Landcare Group who received a \$110,000 grant to restore endangered Lowland Subtropical Rainforest on the Mary River

Supporting Business and Community Groups

Over \$5.2 million in Federal funding was received by community groups, individuals and businesses in Fairfax during 2017/18, including:

\$900,000	Food and Agribusiness Network to develop a business cluster network.	\$499,002	Kinetic Orthotics to improve access to orthotic interventions.
\$999,065	Snapsil Australia to further develop their revolutionary packaging products.	\$15,000	30 local sportspeople aged between 12-18 years to attend sporting competitions.
\$500,000	Buderim Men's Shed to help construct a new workshop and administration building.	\$78,600	14 community groups received funding for various capital projects.
\$150,000	Smartline Machinery received a Growth Centre to develop innovative medical equipment.	\$12,000	The Country Women's Association hall in Palmwoods for a kitchen upgrade.
\$12,000	APEX Queensland Youth Camp to replace its high ropes course at Mudjimba.	\$12,000	Buderim Mountain State School received a grant to help build a new, powered sports shed.
\$9,000	Compass Institute for a food van that employs people with disability.	\$12,000	CGK Coolum Kindergarten to renovate their outdoor playground.
\$11,400	Coast2Bay Housing Group to build a kitchen for their edible garden.	\$14,690	Over 50 local schools, individuals and community groups to assist with small projects.
\$12,000	Maroochy Beach Gymnastics Club for stadium seating in their new building.	\$195,360	SevGen Indigenous Organisation for their Deadly Espresso Van.
\$110,000	Noosa and District Landcare Group to plant 15,000 trees in 5 hectares at Belli Creek.	\$5,652	Volunteering Sunshine Coast to fund a return to work program.



FAIRFAX SENIORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Ted's Seniors' Advisory Committee continued to provide feedback on issues affecting older Australians. The Committee conducted a Forum on 4 August 2017 with The Hon Ken Wyatt, Minister for Aged Care. Over 150 people attended the Forum and its outcomes informed the Federal Government's \$5 billion Aged Care Package, announced in the 2018/19 Federal budget.

Photo: The Hon Ken Wyatt, Minister for Aged Care and Ted at the Fairfax Seniors' Forum in August 2017

Speeches In Parliament

Ted delivered 64 speeches in Parliament in 2017/18*, including 28 Private Members Business statements, 20 Member or Constituent Statements and speeches in support of the following draft legislation:

Date	Bill	Date	Bill
19.06.18	Treasury Laws Amendment (2018 Superannuation Measures No.1) Bill	5.09.17	Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017
18.06.18	Treasury Laws Amendment (Accelerated Depreciation for Small business Entities) Bill 2018	18.10.17	Treasury Laws Amendment (Housing Tax Integrity) Bill 2017, Foreign Acquisitions and Takeovers Fees Imposition Amendment (Vacancy Fees) Bill 2017
31.05.18	Veteran's Affairs Legislation Amendment (Veteran-centric Reforms No.2) Bill 2018	17.10.17	Customs Amendment (Anti-Dumping Measures) Bill 2017
22.05.18	Treasury Laws Amendment (Personal Income Tax Plan) Bill 2018	16.10.17	Fair Work (Registered Organisations) Amendment (Ensuring Integrity) Bill 2017
22.05.18	Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No.1) 2018 - 2019	13.09.17	Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation Amendment Bill 2017
9.05.18	Interactive Gambling Amendment (Lottery Betting) Bill 2018	12.09.17	Higher Education Support Legislation Amendment (A More Sustainable, Responsive and Transparent Higher Education System) Bill 2017
8.05.18	Home Affairs and Integrity Agencies Legislation Amendment Bill 2017	11.09.17	Australian Border Force Amendment (Protected Information) Bill 2017
7.02.18	Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan Base Rate Entities) Bill 2017	6.09.17	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Welfare Reform) Bill 2017
5.12.17	Marriage Amendment (Definition and Religious Freedoms) Bill 2017	9.08.17	Australian Citizenship Legislation Amendment (Strengthening the Requirements for Australian Citizenship and Other Measures) Bill 2017
26.10.17	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Cashless Debit Card) Bill 2017		

*This includes one speech scheduled in the final two days of Parliamentary sitting (after this report went to print).



“There is such a thing as a slippery slope and an overreach of political correctness is putting us on it. There have been some outrageous examples of political correctness gone too far. As a community we need to push back - our culture, our way of life is worth protecting.”

Ted is a staunch advocate for freedom of expression and believes society must challenge an over-reach of political correctness.



Ted with Mrs Mary Murray, who was one of 15 Fairfax residents who celebrated their 100th birthday in 2017/18

The Year In Numbers

150

Over 150 flags were given away to 74 community organisations and individuals free of charge

82

Over 82 special wedding anniversary and birthday letters, including 15 100th birthday cards and 29 60th wedding anniversary congratulatory certificates

240

More than 240 visits by Ted around Fairfax, speaking to the community; making himself accessible to 92% of the population

84

84% of Fairfax voters had their say in the Same Sex Marriage plebiscite

8

Ted sits on 8 committees in his role as an MP: Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs; Standing Committee on Infrastructure, Transport and Cities; Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources; Joint Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade; Chair, Trade Sub-Committee; and a member of the following Coalition Backbench Committees: Foreign Affairs, Defence, Trade and Tourism; Finance and Economics; and Environment and Energy

2.08

Over \$2.08 billion allocated for investment in Sunshine Coast infrastructure servicing the region, in 2017/18

7,800

Pieces of correspondence received by Ted's office in 2017/18

2018/19 Budget Supporting Fairfax



Transport

Over \$2.07 billion of road and rail infrastructure to service the Sunshine Coast.



Aged Care

Over 20,000 Fairfax residents to benefit from the Federal Government's \$5 billion Aged Care and Healthy Living initiatives.



Business

Over 20,000 small and medium businesses in Fairfax to benefit from the \$20,000 Instant Asset Write-Off Scheme.



Tax Cuts

Over 30,000 people in Fairfax to benefit immediately from low and middle income tax relief from 2018/19.



Education

Over 25,000 school students in Fairfax to receive on average a 50% increase in per-student funding with an additional \$24.5 billion for Australian schools over the next 10 years.



Veterans

Over 3,000 Fairfax veterans to benefit from an additional \$100 million to support veterans and their families across Australia.



Preschool

Over 2,000 children in Fairfax can access 15 hours of quality early learning in the year before school.



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