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I am pleased to present you with my 2016/17
Annual Report for Fairfax.

My first year as the Federal Member for Fairfax has
been both challenging and rewarding.

While I am proud of the achievements highlighted, I am
also very conscious that delivering tangible outcomes
ultimately comes down to united and effective team
work. Thank you for being part of that team.

I am very grateful for your support over the past year
and look forward to working with you in 2017/18.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted O'Brien', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Ted O'Brien MP



Fairfax Report:
Ted O'Brien MP

The Sunshine Coast and in particular the towns and regions which make up the electorate of Fairfax, is the lifestyle capital of Australia.

With an economic growth rate of 4%, continued investment in infrastructure and services and an expected population growth from 350,000 to 550,000 by 2036, the Sunshine Coast is well positioned to capitalise on its unique natural environment and become a regional economic powerhouse.

As I reflect on my first year as your member for Fairfax, I am thrilled at what we have achieved together.

Never before in its history has the Sunshine Coast been the recipient of so much Federal Government funding; including the upgrade of the Sunshine Coast Airport and continued funding for upgrades to the Bruce Highway; over 100 community groups in Fairfax have been supported by Federal funding; and along with Andrew Wallace MP, we have secured the future of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital Medical School.

The Sunshine Coast was also a big winner in the 2017/18 budget announced in May, with tax cuts for businesses, and more funding for infrastructure and vital services for

our seniors, our youth and working families.

Along with my Team Sunshine Coast colleagues Andrew Wallace MP, Federal Member for Fisher and Llew O'Brien MP, Federal Member for Wide Bay, I look forward to working with you over the next 12 months and continuing to be the voice for the people of Fairfax and the Sunshine Coast in Canberra.

Ted O'Brien MP

Major Infrastructure Projects

	Sunshine Coast Airport Upgrade	Federal Government Environment Approval. Designation as an International Airport. Loan secured from the Federal Government. Expected completion date:	✓ ✓ ✓ 2020
	Bruce Hwy Upgrade Pine River- Caloundra Rd	Planning Study.	Late 2017
	Caloundra Road To Sunshine Motorway	Funding Secured. Preliminary construction commenced. Major construction commenced. Expected completion date:	✓ ✓ ✓ 2020
	Maroochydore Road Interchange	Business Case (\$7.5m*). Expected construction commencement date: Expected completion date:	✓ 2019 2021
	Lane Widening/Safety Caloundra/Burpengary	2017/18 budget announcement.	✓

Investment In Infrastructure

Ted's number one priority is upgrading the infrastructure on the Sunshine Coast to meet the needs of the region's growing population and expanding industry. In 2016/17 over \$1.6b in infrastructure funding was secured, including:












INVESTMENT \$1.5 billion*	Bruce Highway Upgrade	Widening to six lanes, interchange upgrades and service road for local traffic between Caloundra Rd and the Sunshine Motorway; Maroochydore Rd / Mons Rd Interchange; and lane widening, access and safety improvements at Caloundra and Burpengary, servicing the Sunshine Coast.
INVESTMENT \$181 million	Sunshine Coast Airport Upgrade	Concessional loan for the expansion of the Sunshine Coast Airport. The upgrade will allow more direct international flights, expanding tourism and trade opportunities both into and out of the Sunshine Coast; resulting in 3,500 fewer houses being affected by noise; and over 2,100 direct and indirect jobs during construction.
INVESTMENT \$162,172	Road Safety	Road safety through the elimination of accident blackspots at three locations - Kiel Mountain Rd from the Bruce Highway Overpass to Diddillibah Rd; the intersection of Wises Rd and Darby Cl, Buderim; and the intersection of Sugar Rd and Wises Rd, Buderim.
INVESTMENT \$500,000	Nambour Heritage Tramway Project	From the National Stronger Regions Fund for the Nambour Heritage Tramway Project to restore the Tram in town and help campaign for future investment to extend it to the showground and Coolum.
INVESTMENT \$135,000	Community Development	For six community groups for a range of capital development projects, including air-conditioning and security.
INVESTMENT Required medical places	Sunshine Coast University Hospital Medical School	Securing locally-based medical school by facilitating the Commonwealth's approval of sufficient medical places to attract a university investor.

*80:20 split Federal:Qld State Governments



Federal Government Investment

Major Projects & Initiatives - Fairfax, 2016/17

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Nambour Tram
\$500,000
 • Linking Nambour's 2 shopping precincts.
- 
Sunshine Coast Airport
\$181 million
 • 3,500 fewer houses affected by noise.
- 
Bruce Highway
\$1.5 billion
 • Caloundra Rd to Sunshine Motorway.
 • Maroochydore/Caloundra/Burpengary.
- 
Sunshine Coast University Hospital
50 medical places
 • Secured for the Medical School.
- 
Road Safety
\$161,172
 • Elimination of 3 accident blackspots.
- 
Environment
\$200,000
 • Re-establish habitat for threatened species.
- 
Indigenous Heritage
\$220,000
 • Boardwalk to link indigenous Dassi land.
- 
Business
\$830,697
 • To support local entrepreneurial businesses.
- 
Maroochy River Rowing Club
\$100,000
 • Renovate the existing Club Shed.
- 
Volunteer Groups
\$51,500
 • 17 groups - supporting over 700 volunteers.
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Sport
\$29,500
 • 59 sporting groups & individuals.



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Environment and Community

Working with the Community

Providing opportunities for the people of Fairfax to speak with Ted ensures important issues are regularly discussed and addressed.

Ted undertook four Community Road Trips in 2016/17, providing people with an opportunity to meet and raise issues directly with him. He met with hundreds of people in 21 locations throughout the electorate with a focus on education, seniors, families and local issues.

Ted convened a Seniors' Advisory Committee to ensure meaningful community feedback and discuss

the impacts of government policy on seniors. The Committee, comprising seven community leaders, met twice in 2016/17 and the first Forum to discuss and prioritise issues affecting Seniors will be held in August 2017.

Ted also raised constituents' issues directly in Parliament, with an open Facebook call on 30 November 2016. More than 60 responses were received, with over half of them being raised during Parliament in the time allowed.

Ted also undertakes regular on-line surveys via his website and Facebook page, and hosts business and industry forums seeking feedback on important issues.



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Left to right: (A) Ted meets with Bli Bli State School students. (B) Ted with Andrew Wallace MP, Clr Mark Jamieson and the Hon Darren Chester, Minister for Infrastructure and Transport at the announcement of the \$181m concessional loan to upgrade the Sunshine Coast Airport. (C) Ted meeting with Andrew Wallace MP, The Hon Fiona Nash MP and Clr Mark Jamieson, Mayor Sunshine Coast Council. (D) Ted with the Hon Josh Frydenberg MP, Minister for the Environment and Energy, and Paul Moriarty, Chairman of the Nambour Tramway Company. (E) Ted with colleagues at the opening of the Sunshine Coast University Hospital. (F) Ted at the launch of free glucose monitoring devices for children.



Working Together

In 2016/17 Ted was instrumental in encouraging a team approach to addressing issues on the Sunshine Coast and in Canberra.

'Team Sunshine Coast' was established with Ted and his Federal colleagues in the region, Andrew Wallace and Llew O'Brien. Together with Nambour-based Senator, James McGrath, they work as a team to jointly fight for the interests of the Sunshine Coast in Canberra.

'Team Queensland' was also established in 2016/17 after Ted coordinated the State's 26 Federal Members and Senators to formulate a shared strategy and collectively lobby for Queensland. The \$530 million commitment to help fund

additional lanes on the Bruce Highway between Caboolture and Caloundra and the \$120 million for the Deception Bay Interchange - two projects allocated in the 2017/18 budget set to benefit the Sunshine Coast - were a result of Team Queensland activity.

Ted has also led the charge on behalf of Team Queensland to secure a private sector commitment to deliver a \$4-5 billion defence project called Land 400 from a location in Queensland.

This team approach also extends to working collaboratively with local councillors, chambers and community groups. He has held many forums including a post-budget round table, a Menzies Research Centre forum and joint events such as an open forum for businesses to discuss the recently



signed Free Trade Agreement with China, Japan and South Korea.

Also a first for the Sunshine Coast, Ted hosted the USA Chargé d'Affaires James Carouso to the Sunshine Coast in February 2017. Mr Carouso spoke to more than 100 businesses and individuals about the future of Australia / USA relations under the Trump administration (pictured above with Ted).

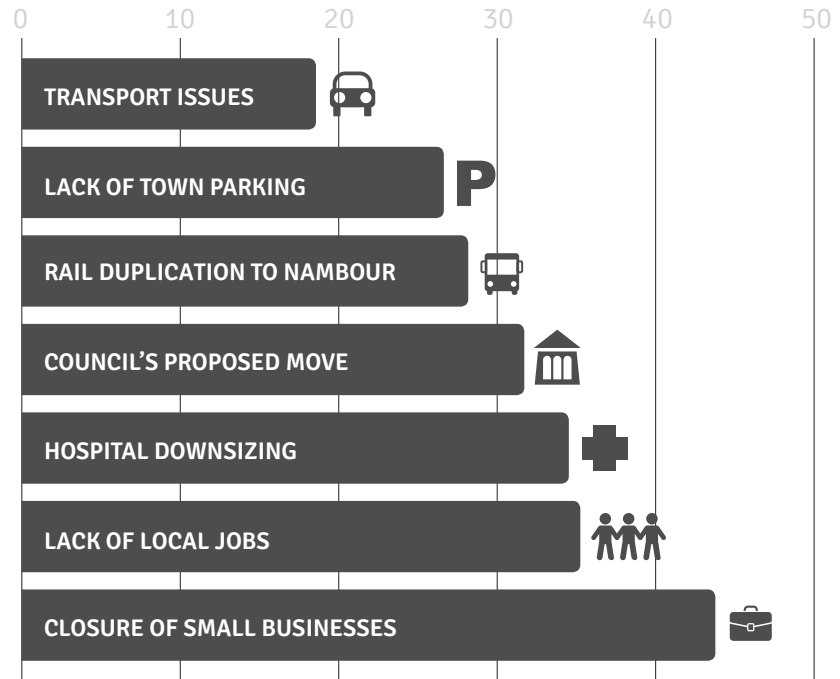
Supporting the Environment and Community Groups

Over 100 community groups and individuals benefitted from more than \$2.5m in Federal funding secured or commenced in 2016/17, including:

\$200,000	Green Army grant to re-establish native species and habitat for local threatened species at Burnside Park, Nambour and the Mary River Catchment.	\$100,000	To the Maroochy River Rowing Club to renovate and upgrade the existing Club Shed.
\$220,000	Timber boardwalk to link local indigenous DASSI land in the Maroochy River to the existing Heritage Trail.	\$34,814	Community Development Grants to Mapleton Bowls Club, the Range Community Kindergarten Association, Bli Bli Public Hall and Community Association, Eumundi and District Community Association, and Kureelipa Public Hall Association for a range of capital development projects, including air-conditioning and security.
\$500,000	National Stronger Regions Fund grant for the Nambour Heritage Tramway Project, Phase One.	\$8,942	Three Men's Sheds at Maroochy, Mapleton and Woombye - Palmwoods to deliver a variety of programs.
\$383,000	Entrepreneurs' Programme, Accelerating Commercialisation grant to Alkira Software towards Web4.0 access to web-technology for blind and vision-impaired people.	\$3,636	Saluting Their Service Commemorations Program grant to the Yandina/Eumundi RSL Sub-branch to restore the 2/14th Battalion Memorial Garden in Yandina.
\$447,697	Entrepreneurs' Programme, Accelerating Commercialisation grant to Vertical Farm Systems for a fully-automated vertical farming system for commercial growing in any climate.	\$2,730	Community Heritage grant to the Discover Eumundi Heritage and Visitor Centre to undertake a collection management training workshop.
\$51,500	Funding to 17 volunteer-based groups, benefitting more than 700 volunteers.		

Nambour Survey

In 2017, Ted hosted a survey and forum on the economy and future of Nambour. Over 500 people responded to the survey, with a further 60 locals and business representatives participating in a forum to share ideas and strategies. Closure of small businesses, lack of local jobs and the downsizing of Nambour Hospital ranked as the top issues of concern. Forum participants developed a 10 year vision for the town to transition its local economy while maintaining its distinct community identity. Ted looks forward to working with the community to identify and action key work streams to secure Nambour's future.



Top Issues Identified through Nambour survey.

Election Commitments

In the lead up to the 2016 election, Ted made public commitments to the following projects in Fairfax:

PUBLIC COMMITMENT	STATUS
Concessional loan for the upgrade of the Sunshine Coast Airport.	Approved
Sunshine Coast Airport Environmental Approval.	Approved
Woombye CARE – funding for new facility and capital loan.	Funding delivered
Airconditioning and security works: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Old Church Hall, Bli Bli · The Range Community Kindergarten Mapleton · Kureelpa Community Hall · Eumundi Scout Hall · Mapleton Bowls Club 	Funding delivered
Submarine optic cable feasibility study.	Approved
Maroochy Rowing Club capital development.	Funding delivered
Bruce Highway – Maroochydoore Rd Interchange.	Funding delivered
Bruce Highway – Feasibility Study.	Underway
DASSI land heritage boardwalk, Maroochy River, Bli Bli.	Funding delivered
Green Army projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Burnside Park and Mary River catchment – re-establish habitat for threatened species. · Bli Bli and Cooloom – to renew local waterways and revegetate to counter erosion. 	Funding delivered Final stage of assessment
Mobile phone tower upgrades to eliminate blackspots: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Kidamen Creek · Belli Park / Dulgong 	Funding delivered Funding delivered
Maroochydoore Waters Sub-branch of The Naval Association - All Navy reunion.	Completed

Speeches In Parliament

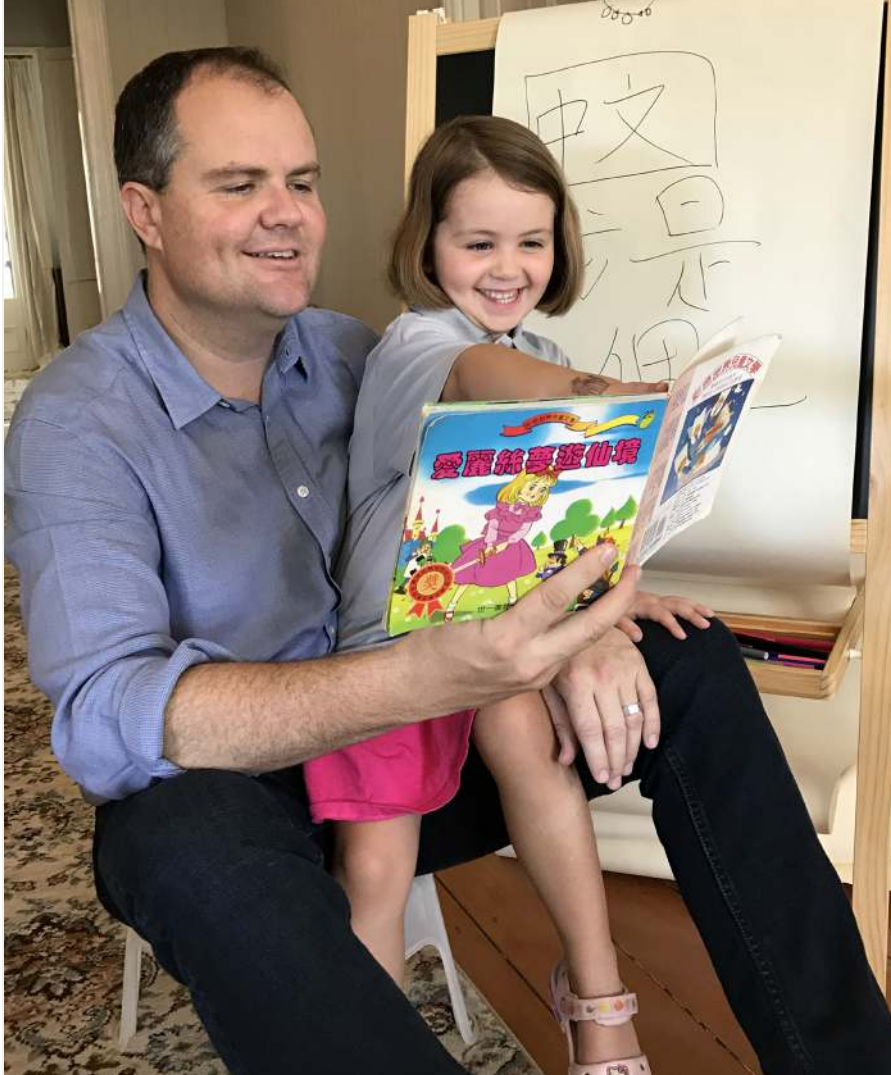
Ted delivered 77 speeches in Parliament over the past 12 months, including 11 Private Members Business speeches, 35 Member or Constituent Statements and speeches in support of the following draft legislation:

Date	Bill	Date	Bill
12.10.16	Plebiscite (Same-Sex Marriage) Bill 2016.	30.03.17	Fair Work Amendment (Corrupting Benefits) Bill 2017.
19.10.16	Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2016-2017 (Border Protection).	09.05.17	Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Vulnerable Workers) Bill 2017.
07.11.16	Broadcasting Legislation Amendment (TV and Radio Licence Fees) Bill 2016.	22.05.17	Fair Work Amendment (Protecting Take Home Pay) Bill 2017.
9.11.16	Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016.	23.05.17	Appropriation Bill (No. 1) 2017-2018.
24.11.16	Civil Nuclear Transfers to India Bill 2016.	01.06.17	Appropriation Bill (No. 2) 2017-2018.
28.11.16	Competition and Consumer Amendment (Country of Origin) Bill 2016.	13.06.17	Appropriation (Parliamentary Departments) Bill (No. 1) 2017-2018.
08.02.17	Corporations Amendment (Crowdsourced Funding) Bill 2016.	30.05.17	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Energy Assistance Payment and Pensioner Concession Card) Bill 2017.
09.02.17	Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Tax Plan) Bill 2016.	31.05.17	Treasury Laws Amendment (Accelerated Depreciation For Small Business Entities) Bill 2017.
15.02.17	National Disability Insurance Scheme Savings Fund Special Account Bill 2016.	14.06.17	Treasury Laws Amendment (Low Value Goods) Bill 2017.
27.02.17	Social Services Legislation Amendment (Omnibus Savings and Child Care Reform) Bill 2017.	14.06.17	Treasury Laws Amendment (Medicare Levy and Medicare Levy Surcharge) Bill 2017.
20.03.17	Health Insurance Amendment (National Rural Health Commissioner) Bill 2017.	21.06.17	Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Incentives No 1) Bill 2017.
21.03.17	Treasury Laws Amendment (Combating Multinational Tax Avoidance) Bill 2017, Diverted Profits Tax Bill 2017.	22.06.17	Treasury Laws Amendment (Enterprise Incentives No 2) Bill 2017.
23.03.17	Competition and Consumer Amendment (Misuse of Market Power) Bill 2016.	<i>All Ted's speeches can be viewed on his website at: www.tedobrien.com.au</i>	



“The principle has to be compassion, but there is a link here. There is a link between compassion and how we control our borders. The link is simply this: the stronger our borders, the more compassionate we can be as a country. We know in our liberal democracy that the Australian people have strong views on this matter and that the stronger our borders, the more compassionate we can be and the more humanitarian refugees we can allow into our country. That is a proven correlation. One is a prerequisite for the other. Strong borders equal more compassion and more immigration.”

Ted O'Brien, Migration Legislation Amendment (Regional Processing Cohort) Bill 2016.



Ted with daughter Alexandra at the launch of the Early Learning Languages Australia program.

2018 Budget Supporting Fairfax



Education

Additional \$312m over 10 years for Fairfax's 35 schools; and over \$577m across the Coast's 70 schools.



Pre-School

Additional \$2.8m to support preschool education for Fairfax's 2,196 preschool-aged children.



Disability Support

Fully funding the NDIS for 2,146 residents who will rely on NDIS disability support services in Fairfax.



Jobs

\$1.2b for creating more jobs nationally, including trade apprenticeships for young people.



Business

Extending the Asset Write-off scheme for another 12 months; and tax cuts helping Fairfax's 19,952 small businesses.



Medicare

Establishing a Medicare guarantee fund to secure this vital service and extend PBS medications.

The Year In Numbers

132

Ted's office gave away 132 flags to 79 community organisations free of charge.

250

Ted's office mailed over 250 special wedding anniversary and birthday letters, including 14 100th birthday cards and 29 60th wedding anniversary congratulations.

230

Ted undertook more than 230 visits around Fairfax, speaking to the community; accessing 94% of the population.

91

Over 91% of Fairfax voters voted in the Federal Election.

77

Ted delivered 77 speeches in Parliament.

100

Ted attended 100% of Parliamentary sitting days in Canberra - 15 trips over 17 sitting and Budget Estimates weeks.

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Ted sits on 7 committees: Indigenous Affairs; Infrastructure, Transport and Cities; Industry, Innovation, Science and Resources; Foreign Affairs; Economic and Finance; Social Services and Environment and Energy.



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