



Speech by

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**MEMBER FOR SPRINGWOOD**

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**APPROPRIATION (PARLIAMENT) BILL**

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**Mr MUSGROVE** (Springwood—ALP) (2.30 p.m.): Much has been said about this Budget in this debate. Members opposite have claimed that this Budget is a plagiarised version of the previous Budget delivered by the previous Government. The people of Springwood do not think so. The people of Springwood know that this is a great Budget for them, because it will give them things that they would not have got under the previous Government's Budget. There was nothing in the previous Government's Budget for the good people of my electorate. I remember a headline in the local newspaper in my electorate, the *Reporter*, which proclaimed that Logan was the big loser from the previous Government's Budget. This Budget delivers for the people of Springwood on all the commitments that I, the then shadow Cabinet and the rest of the Labor Party gave in the election campaign. The people of Springwood will benefit from this Budget, because it delivers on the commitments for a Police Beat, an air pollution monitoring station and busways into Springwood.

The busways into Springwood are something of which I am particularly proud. The previous Government had proposed a ludicrous plan, which had busways travelling from Brisbane down to the Gateway interchange and stopping in the middle of a paddock. They stopped nowhere near a population centre and not in Logan City but in Brisbane City. It was really going to be nothing more than a white elephant shelter. That huge, multimillion-dollar development would serve nobody. Now the people of Springwood will have dedicated bus lanes to bring Brisbane bus services directly into Logan City for the very first time. Of course, they will not just stop at Springwood; they will travel all the way down to the Logan Motorway. I know the member for Waterford thinks that that is great. I hope that the member for Redlands also thinks that it is great, because it will do great things for what has been a long-neglected public transport system in Logan City.

Logan's first air pollution monitoring station is to be established in my electorate. That is a long overdue initiative. I recall attending one of the so-called consultation meetings that were held by the previous Government when it announced the South East Transit Project. That meeting was attended by approximately 300 of my constituents. I recall quizzing the consultants in relation to what air pollution monitoring had been done in the design and decision-making processes for the super-highway that was to go through Logan City. Of course, we know what the answer was: none, none at all. Depending on how one measures it, that is the biggest highway in Australia. It is certainly the widest. Yet no air pollution modelling was done. I am particularly proud that the Springwood electorate will have Logan's first air pollution monitoring station, which will complement the stations in the City of the Gold Coast and the City of Brisbane. Until this initiative, Logan City has been an unknown in terms of air pollution. Of course, we have a lot of light industry and now the highway.

The Police Beat is a well-known initiative of the Goss Labor Government that was shelved by the previous Government. I am delighted that this Budget reconfirms Labor's commitment to Police Beats as a visible form of policing. That will be of great benefit to my local shopkeepers. It will assist in reducing crimes such as car theft, shoplifting and general disorderly conduct around the central shopping precinct in my electorate. I know that the people of Springwood appreciate that. None of those projects would have been delivered under the coalition's Budget. The people of Springwood know that this is a great Labor Budget and not the shallow document that was put forward by the

coalition that deserted the people of Springwood. Fortunately, the coalition Budget did not pass through this House.

Other good initiatives for my electorate include the \$2.4m for the Koala Coast Protection Plan.

**Mr Hegarty:** I don't recall that being in the Springwood electorate.

**Mr MUSGROVE:** The member for Redlands is quite right. It is not all in Springwood; however, the koala population does not stop at electoral boundaries. What has been provided for my electorate—and the member for Redlands will know this—is \$160,000 for the work base for staff at the Daisy Hill Koala Centre. That is also appreciated. It will add greatly to the management of that resource.

Logan Hospital is the principal hospital servicing the people of my electorate. That hospital will receive an extra \$29.8m, which is very welcome indeed.

As the youngest member of the Labor Party parliamentary caucus I am also delighted with the youth initiatives contained in this Budget. This Government believes very strongly that cultural development and services for youth are an important part of this great State. This Government believes that that is an important demographic to take care of and that it is important to care about our young people. We should not regard them as a hostile group of individuals who need to be marginalised and pushed out. \$3.5m is allocated in the Budget for youth initiatives, including a venue concept to provide young bands with a substantial rehearsal space and facilities to create video clips. Some of the members of Savage Garden, the very popular youth band, hail from my electorate. I know that they would be particularly delighted with that initiative.

The Music Mentor Program will improve access to contemporary music tuition. That tuition is important if we are to develop a truly professional industry and enhance youth culture. We will also have youth entertainment to offer affordable live entertainment, particularly in provincial cities. In many ways, I regard Logan City as a provincial city. Funding has been allocated for radio traineeships to enhance skills and opportunities for young people in the media and broadcasting industries. That is another great initiative.

The Queensland Biennial Festival of Music will be re-established with a strong regional focus. That will be staged in July 1999, supported by a Government grant of no less than \$2m. Half a million dollars is provided for 1998-99 for the pilot Youth Action Program, which is open to all students and marginalised youth. That will cater for up to 360 cadets at 10 State high schools, who will engage in activities such as environmental projects, emergency care and lifesaving. That is a fantastic initiative of this Budget. That will reduce the incidence of juvenile delinquency.

Logan City is to receive a juvenile justice centre, which is another great initiative of the Budget. That will protect the good people of Springwood and help to solve some of our juvenile crime problems. I support the Budget. I hope it will receive the worthy support from all members that it deserves.

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