



Speech by

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**LYTTON ROAD; PORT ROAD**

**Mr LUCAS** (Lytton—ALP) (7.12 p.m.): Tonight I want to speak about the Roads Implementation Program recently announced by the Beattie Labor Government and congratulate the Minister for Transport, the Honourable Steve Bredhauer, for the work that he has ordered to be undertaken under that plan in the electorates of Bulimba and Lytton. Specifically, I want to speak about work done on Lytton Road.

The port of Brisbane is a world-class port. It is growing every year. I compliment the port and the fact that——

**Mrs Liz Cunningham:** Gladstone's a good port.

**Mr LUCAS:** The member for Gladstone says that Gladstone is a good port. It is under brilliant management, I might say, under the Port of Gladstone Authority of which I know the member for Gladstone is a fan. The port of Brisbane is Queensland's premium port. Container and bulk products——

**A Government member** interjected.

**Mr LUCAS:** Townsville is a good port as well. I will be here all night if I acknowledge these interjections.

One of the real concerns with the port of Brisbane is the fact that Lytton Road is in a very bad condition. For most of its length, Lytton Road is dual carriageway, but it is not divided. Residential traffic uses the same lanes as industrial traffic travelling to the port. It is very important that this is addressed. I am delighted to say that, earlier this year, the Director-General of the Department of Main Roads came to my electorate. We went along the road and I pointed out a number of concerns that I had. As a result of that, the Government has listened to what the people of my electorate and the people of Bulimba are interested in and has allocated a substantial amount of money for upgrades on Lytton Road. I do not have the time to go through them now, but they are listed in the Wynnum-Redlands Herald of a week ago.

I want to finish my speech by speaking about the Port Road. We have a Federal Government that has not put one red cent into the much-needed Port Road in Brisbane. It is happy to spend plenty of money on doing in wharfies in industrial disputes that do not have anything to do with improving the situation on our waterfront, but it is not prepared to spend money on improving real productivity on the waterfront by getting proper, safe road access to the port of Brisbane. On the issue of the port of Brisbane road, it is a total disgrace that this Federal Government will not come to the party.